

NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 24-99-GA

Notice Issued: June 23, 2025

Kenneth B. Morgan, P 34492, Farmington Hills, Michigan

Disbarment, Effective September 18, 2029¹

After proceedings conducted pursuant to MCR 9.115, Tri-County Hearing Panel #60 found that respondent committed professional misconduct during his representation of clients and their business, which included missing court deadlines, failing to respond to motions, neglecting to produce discovery materials, and failing to inform his clients of court sanctions, which ultimately resulted in the dismissal of his clients' claims; and by failing to answer a request for investigation. Because respondent failed to file an answer to the formal complaint, a default was entered by the Grievance Administrator on November 18, 2024.

Based on respondent's default and the evidence presented by the Grievance Administrator, the panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct when he: failed to represent a client competently, in violation of MRPC 1.1(a) [Count One]; neglected a legal matter entrusted to him, in violation of MRPC 1.1(c) [Count One]; failed to seek the lawful objectives of a client through reasonably available means, in violation of MRPC 1.2(a) [Count One]; failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client, in violation of MRPC 1.3 [Count One]; failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and comply with reasonable requests for information, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a) [Count One]; entered into an agreement for, charged, or collected an illegal or clearly excessive fee, in

¹ Respondent's license to practice law in Michigan has been continuously suspended since March 19, 2024. See Notice of 180-Day Suspension issued on March 22, 2024, in *Grievance Administrator v Kenneth B. Morgan*, 23-88-RD; 23-89-GA, and Notice of Suspension and Restitution issued on September 25, 2024, in *Grievance Administrator v Kenneth B. Morgan*, 24-7-GA. The panel ordered that the disbarment in the present matter run consecutively to the five-year suspension ordered in 24-7-GA.

violation of MRPC 1.5(a) [Count One]; upon termination of representation, failed to take reasonable steps to protect a client's interests, such as surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d) [Count One]; failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2) [Count Two]; engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b) [Count One]; engaged in conduct prejudicial to the proper administration of justice, in violation of MCR 9.104(1) and MRPC 8.4(c) [Counts One and Two]; engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2) [Counts One and Two]; engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3) [Counts One and Two]; engaged in conduct that violates the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, in violation of MCR 9.104(4) and MRPC 8.4(a) [Counts One and Two]; and, failed to answer the Request for Investigation in conformity with MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2), in violation of MCR 9.104(7) [Count Two].

The Panel ordered that respondent be disbarred, effective September 18, 2029, and that he pay restitution in the total amount of \$73,830.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,832.46.