

## **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITIONS**

Case No. 23-74-GA

**Notice Issued: August 1, 2025**

Jason Kolkema, P 55936, Norton Shores, Michigan

Suspension - 90 Days, Effective July 31, 2025

Based on the evidence presented at a hearing held in this matter in accordance with MCR 9.115, Muskegon County Hearing Panel #2 found that respondent committed the criminal offense of domestic violence, to which he pled guilty, while a candidate for Muskegon County Circuit Court Judge. Specifically, the panel found that respondent failed to participate in maintaining the required standards of conduct to preserve the integrity of the judiciary, by engaging in improper conduct, and by failing to respect and observe the law, in violation of MCJC Canons 1, 2(A), and 2(B); engaged in conduct that violates a criminal law of a state or of the United States, an ordinance, or tribal law pursuant to MCR 2.615, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b) and MCR 9.104(5); and, knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2). The panel also found respondent's conduct to have violated MCR 9.104(2)-(4).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days and that he be subject to conditions relevant to the established misconduct, which were later modified by the panel when they granted petitioner's motion to do so.

Respondent timely filed a petition for review and motion for stay. The Board granted a stay of respondent's discipline pending completion of the review proceedings to be held in accordance with MCR 9.118. After a hearing on the matter, the Board reduced the discipline imposed from a 180-day suspension to a 90-day suspension and affirmed the conditions imposed and later modified by the hearing panel, effective July 31, 2025. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,663.18.