

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: Attorney George E. Jacobs  
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Administrative Order  
No. 19-AD-017

**ORDER**

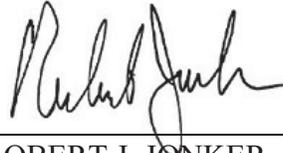
Attorney George Jacobs was originally admitted to practice before this Court on December 13, 1995. He was first suspended from practice on July 1, 2003, based on a suspension by the State Bar of Michigan in Case No. 03-73-GA (Exhibit A). The State Bar of Michigan automatically re-instated Attorney Jacobs after 30 days, and it appears this Court reinstated him as well. But then on July 11, 2008, this Court again suspended Attorney Jacobs based on three separate suspension orders from the State Bar of Michigan in Case Nos. 06-89-GA; 06-166-GA; and 07-43-GA (Exhibit B). Thereafter, the State Bar of Michigan issued a separate "No Discipline" Order dated August 29, 2008, based on Attorney Jacobs' misdemeanor conviction for operating a motor vehicle while visibly impaired (Exhibit C).

By letter dated February 11, 2019, Attorney Jacobs requests reinstatement to the bar of this Court under Local General Rule 2.3(b)(iv). The only statement in support is an affidavit Attorney Jacobs executed about nine years ago, on April 27, 2010, as part of his successful bid for reinstatement to the bar of the Eastern District of Michigan. The submission is facially insufficient for any request for reinstatement to this Court. First, the affidavit is directed to the Eastern District of Michigan, not to this Court. Second, the affidavit is not current. And third, the affidavit does not address the misdemeanor conviction and related "No Discipline" Order at all, and does not provide any explanation for what changes Attorney Jacobs made in his life and practice to ensure that reasons for professional suspension would not recur.

Accordingly, acting in my capacity as Chief Judge, I deny the application for reinstatement. The denial is without prejudice to any follow up submission that Attorney Jacobs may wish to submit to address the facial deficiencies noted. If Attorney Jacobs does submit a renewed application, the undersigned expects to assign it to a three-judge panel of the Court for consideration.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: February 19, 2019



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ROBERT J. JONKER  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION**  
**(By Consent)**

Case No. 03-73-GA

**Notice Issued: July 9, 2003**

George E. Jacobs, P 36888, Bay City, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board  
Bay County Hearing Panel.

1. Suspension - 30 days;
2. Effective July 1, 2003.

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), containing respondent's plea of no contest to the allegations that he continued to handle a NASD claim although he knew he was not competent to handle the matter and did not associate with a lawyer who was competent to handle it; told his client's financial advisor that the NASD claim had been filed although he knew it had not been filed; and failed to advise his clients that the statute of limitations had expired without the claim having been filed.

Respondent was charged with violations of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a) and (c); 1.4(b); 4.1 and 8.4(a) and (c). The parties agreed that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan should be suspended for 30 days beginning July 1, 2003. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$864.38.

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**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION**

Case No. 06-89-GA

**Notice Issued: June 27, 2008**

George E. Jacobs, P 36888, Flint, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #5.

1. Suspension - 90 Days;
2. Effective June 26, 2008

The respondent appeared at the hearing but was found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on that default, the panel found that respondent, in a bankruptcy matter, neglected the matter; failed to seek the lawful objectives of his client through reasonably available means permitted by law and failed to be punctual in fulfilling his professional commitments; failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing his client; failed to communicate with his clients; and made misrepresentations to his clients. In a second matter, respondent was found to have engaged in a prohibited business transaction; failed to notify his clients or a third party upon receipt of property in which the client or third party has an interest and failed to promptly deliver the property to the client or third party; failed to communicate with his clients; and collected and charged an illegal and excessive fee. Finally, respondent failed to timely answer a request for investigation; failed to fully and fairly disclose all the facts and circumstances pertaining to the alleged misconduct and made misrepresentations in an answer to a request for investigation; knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority; knowingly made misrepresentations of facts and circumstances surrounding a request for investigation; knowingly made a false statement of material fact in connection with a disciplinary matter.

Respondent was charged with violations MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(3), (6) and (7); MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.3; 1.4; 1.5(a); 1.8(a); 1.12(a); 1.15(b); 8.1(a)(1); 8.1(a)(2); and 8.4(b) and (c).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 90 days. Respondent filed a timely petition for review and request for stay of discipline which was granted. A review hearing was held before the Attorney Discipline Board and its order affirming the hearing panel's order of suspension was issued May 28, 2008. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,110.76.

  
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 John F. Van Bolt

**JUN 27 2008**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION**

Case No. 06-166-GA

**Notice Issued: June 30, 2008**

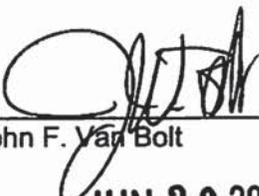
George E. Jacobs, P 36888, Flint, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #3.

1. Suspension - 110 Days;
2. Effective June 26, 2008

The respondent appeared at the hearing but was found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on that default, the panel found that respondent, in a bankruptcy matter, neglected the matter; failed to act with reasonable diligence; failed to take reasonable steps to expedite the matter; failed to keep his clients reasonably informed; and failed to timely file an answer to a request for investigation served upon him by the Grievance Administrator.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1), (2), (4) and (7); MCR 9.113(B)(2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.3; 1.4(a); 3.2; 8.1(a)(2); and 8.4(a) and (c).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 110 days. Respondent filed a timely petition for review and request for stay of discipline, which was granted. A review hearing was held before the Attorney Discipline Board and its order, affirming the hearing panel's order of suspension, was issued May 28, 2008. Respondent's suspension in this matter is to run concurrently with the 90 day suspension ordered in Grievance Administrator v George E. Jacobs, Case No. 06-89-GA, and the 135 day suspension ordered in Grievance Administrator v George E. Jacobs, Case No. 07-43-GA. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,985.47.

  
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John F. Van Bolt  
Dated: JUN 30 2008

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**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITION**

Case No. 07-43-GA

**Notice Issued: June 30, 2008**

George E. Jacobs, P 36888, Flint, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #2.

1. Suspension - 135 Days;
2. Effective June 26, 2008

The respondent filed an answer to the complaint and appeared at the hearing. At the hearing, respondent admitted that he failed to timely file a bankruptcy case on behalf of his clients; and failed to timely file an answer to the request for investigation served upon him by the Grievance Administrator. Based on respondent's admissions, the panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter entrusted to him; failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing his clients; failed to take reasonable steps to expedite litigation consistent with his clients' interests; and failed to file a timely answer to a request for investigation.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(7); MCR 9.113(B)(2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.3; 3.2; and 8.1(a)(2).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 135 days and that he be subject to a condition relevant to the admitted misconduct. Respondent filed a timely petition for review and request for stay of discipline, which was granted.

A review hearing was held before the Attorney Discipline Board and its order, affirming the hearing panel's order of suspension, was issued May 28, 2008. Respondent's suspension in this matter is to run concurrently with the 90 day suspension ordered in Grievance Administrator v George E. Jacobs, Case No. 06-89-GA, and the 110 day suspension ordered in Grievance Administrator v George E. Jacobs, Case No. 06-166-GA. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,877.43.

  
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John F. Van Bolt  
**JUN 30 2008**  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTICE OF ORDER OF DISCIPLINE IMPOSING "NO DISCIPLINE"**

Case No. 08-39-JC

**Notice Issued: August 29, 2008**

George E. Jacobs, P 36888, Flint, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Genesee County Hearing Panel #1.

1. Order Imposing "No Discipline"
2. Effective August 29, 2008<sup>1</sup>

The hearing panel found that respondent was convicted of the misdemeanor of operating a motor vehicle while visibly impaired, in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(5).

The panel further found that the specific facts and circumstances presented in this case warrant the entry of an order of discipline which imposes "no discipline" in accordance with Grievance Administrator v Deutch, 455 Mich 149 (1997). Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,737.01.

John F. Van Bolt

Dated: **AUG 29 2008**

<sup>1</sup> Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law since June 26, 2008. See Notice of Suspension issued June 27, 2008.