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NOTICE OF REVOCATION AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 11-42-GA

Notice Issued: August 17, 2011


Douglas C. Cunningham, P 31798, Lansing, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Ingham County Hearing Panel #4.

1. Revocation
2. Effective August 16, 2011¹

Respondent did not appear at the hearing and was in default for failing to timely file an answer to the formal complaint. Based on that default, the hearing panel found that respondent neglected a legal matter; failed to properly safeguard a cash advance; failed to promptly pay or deliver any funds or other property that his client was entitled to receive; failed to seek the lawful objectives of his client through reasonably available means; failed to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing his client; failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of his matter; failed to explain the matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit his client to make informed decisions regarding the representation; failed to withdraw from representing his client where that representation would result in a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct; and failed to render candid advice.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4(a) and (b); 1.15(b)(3); 1.15(d); 1.16(a)(1); 2.1; and 8.4(a)-(c).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be revoked and that he pay restitution in the amount of \$8,445.62. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,722.66.



John F. Van Bolt
AUG 17 2011
Dated: _____

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since January 9, 2008. Please see Notice of Suspension With Condition (By Consent), issued January 16, 2008.