

## **NOTICE OF REVOCATION & RESTITUTION**

Case No. 06-91-GA

**Notice Issued: December 8, 2006**

Farzad A. Farshidmehr, P 47405, Alpena, Michigan, by Attorney Discipline Board Emmet County Hearing Panel.

1. Revocation
2. Effective January 6, 2011<sup>1</sup>

The respondent was found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint. Respondent also failed to appear at the public hearing. Based on the default, the panel found that respondent abandoned 14 client matters; failed to communicate an address at which he could be contacted by his client, the courts and opposing counsel, his status as an attorney, the location of his client files, and that he had closed his office and moved to Dubai; failed to provide his clients with the status of their cases; failed to comply with the requirements of providing notice of his inactive status and his suspension from the practice of law; failed to withdraw from representation of his clients after he closed office, moved to Dubai, became inactive, and was suspended; breached his clients' confidentiality by transferring client files to another attorney without his clients' knowledge or permission; failed to comply with the orders of discipline issued in ADB Case Nos. 05-12-GA and 05-78-GA; failed to provide notice to his clients, the tribunals in his litigated matters, and opposing parties; provided a false statement in his affidavit filed in ADB Case No. 05-12-GA; commingled and misappropriated money paid to him by one of his clients; failed to return unearned fees to his clients; failed to promptly file a notice of death of a party in one matter; agreed to a stipulation to dismiss which was without authority and prejudicial to the proper administration of justice in one matter; and filed a frivolous lawsuit in another matter.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 2.117(C); MCR 2.202(A)(2); MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4) and (9); MCR 9.119(A)-(C) and (E); Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3; 1.4(a)-(b); 1.6(b); 1.15(b)-(d); 1.16(d); 3.1; 5.5(a); 8.1(a)(1); and 8.4(a)-(c); and Local Rule 83.20(l) and 83.22(g) of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice in Michigan be revoked and run consecutive to the revocation ordered in Grievance Administrator v Farzad A. Farshidmehr, ADB Case No. 05-12-GA. The panel also ordered that respondent pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$14,660.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,268.32.

<sup>1</sup> Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since January 5, 2006. Please see Notice of Revocation, issued September 18, 2006.