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NOTICE OF REVOCATION

Case No. 10-17-GA

Notice Issued: August 3, 2010

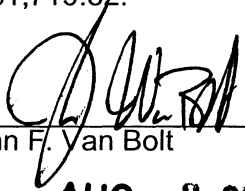
James C. Steffl, P 36537, Farmington Hills, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #77.

1. Revocation
2. Effective July 30, 2010¹

The respondent did not appear at the public hearing, and 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 deposited personal funds into his IOLTA account and misused or misappropriated funds from his IOLTA account for his personal or business use; misappropriated client funds; failed to promptly notify third persons when funds in which the third persons had an interest were received; failed to inform his client of a settlement offer and failed to obtain his client's consent before entering into a settlement agreement; forged his client's name to a check; and failed to answer requests for investigation and a formal complaint, served upon him by the Grievance Administrator.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(2)-(4) and (7); MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); as well as Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a)-(c); 1.2(a); 1.4(a) and (b); 1.15(a)(3); 1.15(b)(1) and (3); 1.15(d); 3.4(c); 8.1(a)(2); 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 aggregate amount of \$156,281.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,719.32.



John F. Van Bolt

Dated: **AUG - 3 2010**

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since May 30, 2008. Please see Notice of Suspension and Restitution issued June 2, 2008.