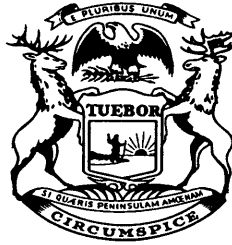


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**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND RESTITUTION WITH CONDITION**

Case Nos. 08-78-GA; 08-97-FA

Notice Issued: March 23, 2009

Thomas J. Plachta, P 23705, Mount Pleasant, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-Valley County Hearing Panel #3.

1. Suspension - 180 Days
2. Effective March 21, 2009

Respondent did not appear at the hearing and was found to be in default for failing to file a timely answer to the formal complaint. Based on respondent's default, the hearing panel found that respondent committed professional misconduct in a divorce matter when he failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of the matter and failed to comply promptly with reasonable requests for information; entered into an agreement for, charged, or collected a clearly excessive fee; and failed to refund the advance payment of a fee that had not been earned upon termination of the representation.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4) and (7); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4(a); 1.5(a); 1.16(d); 8.1(a)(2); and 8.4(a)-(c).

The panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days and that he pay restitution in the amount of \$2,450.50. The panel also ordered that respondent be subject to a condition relevant to the established misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,869.78.

  
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John F. Van Bolt

Dated: **MAR 23 2009**  
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