

NOTICE OF REVOCATION AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 04-71-GA

Notice Issued: December 8, 2004

Robert Van Cleef, P 31637, Southfield, Michigan by the Attorney Discipline Board
Tri-County Hearing Panel #62.

1. Revocation
2. Effective March 2, 2008¹

The respondent was found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint and failure to appear at the public hearing. Based on his default, the panel found that respondent abandoned the representation of 13 clients; misrepresented the status of each client's matter and his status as an attorney; failed to notify clients of his revocation; and failed to answer 13 requests for investigation served by the Grievance Administrator.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4), (7) and (9); MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); MCR 9.119(A)-(C); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a)-(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4(a); 1.5(a)-(c); 1.15(a)-(c); 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 revoked, to run consecutively with the revocation ordered in Grievance Administrator v Robert Van Cleef, ADB Case No. 02-158-GA. Respondent was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$78,476.00. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,017.68.

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since March 1, 2003. See Notice of Revocation (By Consent) dated February 27, 2003.