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## NOTICE OF PROBATION WITH CONDITIONS (By Consent)

Case No. 07-2-GA

Notice Issued: January 9, 2008

John A. Watts, P 22048, Allegan, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Kalamazoo County Hearing Panel #4.

- 1. Probation 2 Years
- 2. Effective December 29, 2007

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5) and 9.121(C), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. Respondent pled no contest to the allegations that he engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice; failed to communicate the basis or rate of his fee; failed to hold client funds in an account in which no funds belonging to the lawyer are being held; and failed to fully and fairly disclose all the facts and circumstances pertaining to the alleged misconduct and making representations in his answer to a request for investigation.

Respondent was charged with violations of Michigan Court Rules 9.104(A)(1) and 9.113(A); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5(b); 1.15(d); and 8.4(c).

The parties stipulated to the entry of an order placing respondent on probation for two years with conditions relevant to the alleged misconduct. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$1.496.00.

John F. Van Bolt

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