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FINAL NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITIONS

Case No: 04-21-GA

Notice Issued: November 26, 2007

Robert E. Butcher, P 11478, Grosse Ile, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Tri-County Hearing Panel #28.

1. Suspension - 90 Days
2. Effective November 20, 2007

The respondent filed an answer to the formal complaint and appeared at the hearing. The panel found that respondent, in a probate matter, failed to provide notice of a fee agreement to interested persons; paid himself fees from the estate account, contrary to MCR 5.313(E); and mortgaged estate property primarily for the purpose of paying himself, contrary to MCL 700.3715. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1), (2), and (4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5(a); and 8.4(a) and (c).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 90 days and that he be subject to certain conditions relevant to the established misconduct.

Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed petitions for review. Following a review hearing, the Attorney Discipline Board affirmed the hearing panel's order. Respondent then filed a motion for reconsideration, which was denied by the Board.

On October 29, 2007, the Michigan Supreme Court denied respondent's application for leave to appeal and the Attorney Discipline Board issued an order extending respondent's automatic stay of discipline to November 20, 2007. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,674.62.


John F. Van Bolt

Dated: NOV 26 2007