

## **NOTICE OF REVOCATION AND RESTITUTION**

Case No. 03-142-GA

**Notice Issued: February 24, 2004**

Gary E. Abeska, P-45097, Walled Lake, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #69.

1. Revocation
2. Effective October 6, 2007<sup>1</sup>

The respondent was found to be in default for his failure to file an answer to the formal complaint or appear at the hearing. Based on that default, the panel found that respondent, in four matters, forged his clients' signature to settlement checks and misappropriated the proceeds. Additionally, in two of those matters, respondent's forgeries caused a loss to the bank. Finally, respondent failed to file answers to five requests for investigation served by the Grievance Administrator.

Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(5) and (7); MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a)-(c); 8.1(a)(2); and 8.4(a)-(c). The panel issued an order revoking respondent's license to practice in Michigan, to run consecutively to the revocation ordered in Grievance Administrator v Gary E. Abeska, ADB Case No. 02-62-GA. The panel also ordered respondent to pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$36,259.29 and assessed costs in the amount of \$1,819.14.

<sup>1</sup> Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since October 5, 2002. See Final Notice of Revocation and Restitution dated December 2, 2002.