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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITION

Case No. 06-87-GA

Notice Issued: March 24, 2008

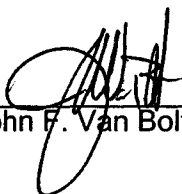
James H. Richards, P 35176, Jenison, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Kent County Hearing Panel #2.

1. Suspension - 30 Months
2. Effective April 10, 2006

The hearing panel found that respondent neglected a client's legal matter; failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of his matter; knowingly made false statements of material fact to a third person; failed to notify his client of his disqualification from the practice of law; held himself out as an attorney while disqualified from the practice of law; knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information by the Grievance Administrator; and failed to answer a request for investigation served upon him by the Grievance Administrator.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4) and (7); MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); MCR 9.119(A) and (E)(3); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.3; 1.4(a) 4.1; 8.1(a)(2); and 8.4(a)-(c).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license be suspended for 30 months, retroactive to April 10, 2006. The panel also ordered that respondent be subject to a condition relative to him seeking reinstatement to the practice of law in Michigan. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,536.51.



John F. Van Bolt

Dated: **MAR 24 2008**

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since November 14, 2005. See Final Notice of Suspension issued April 10, 2006.