

NOTICE OF REVOCATION

Case Nos. 05-98-GA; 05-115-FA

Notice Issued: February 28, 2006

Rhonda L. Couch, P 49555, Monroe, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board
Washtenaw County Hearing Panel #4.

1. Revocation
2. Effective February 25, 2006¹

The respondent was found to be in default for her failure to file an answer to the formal complaint or appear at the hearing. Based on that default, the panel found that respondent, in an adoption matter, abandoned the representation of her clients and failed to return their file. In a civil litigation matter, respondent abandoned the representation, resulting in a \$180,000.00 judgment being entered against her client. Respondent also failed to answer two requests for investigation and a formal complaint served upon her by the Grievance Administrator.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(2)-(4) and (7); MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4(a) and (b); 1.16(d); 8.1(a)(2); and 8.4(a)-(c).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license be revoked and costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,748.31.

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since January 29, 2005. See Notice of Suspension and Restitution issued January 31, 2005.