## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITH CONDITION (By Consent)

Case Nos. 06-43-JC; 06-75-GA

## Notice Issued: November 9, 2006

Howard Alan Katz, P 15744, Southfield, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #59.

- 1. Suspension 179 Days
- 2. Effective February 22, 2006

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. Respondent acknowledged that he was convicted, by a no contest plea, of 136 counts of criminal contempt of court in <u>People of the State of Michigan v Howard Alan Katz</u>, Case No. 05-405-SM. Additionally, respondent pled no contest to the allegations that he engaged in a pattern of improper collection activities; and failed to personally assure the accuracy of pleadings filed with the court in two separate matters, as alleged in Formal Complaint 06-75-GA.

Respondent was charged with violations of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a); and 8.4(a) and (c).

The parties agreed that respondent should be suspended for 179 days and that respondent shall comply with the terms and conditions of the judgment of sentence issued in the matter of <u>People of the State of Michigan v Howard Alan Katz</u>, Case No. 05-405-SM. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,013.20.