

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case No. 04-60-AI; 04-108-JC

Notice Issued: October 25, 2005

Joseph K. Cox, P 27178, Webberville, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board
Ingham County Hearing Panel #1.

1. Suspension - 3 Years
2. Effective August 9, 2004

In connection with the dissolution of a law partnership, the respondent placed the sum of \$5,000.00 in a joint bank account which required the signatures of respondent and his former partner for any withdrawal. Without the partner's knowledge or consent, respondent attempted to withdraw the entire amount by signing his former partner's name to the withdrawal slip and representing to the bank teller that the signature was valid.

Based on respondent's misdemeanor convictions of Larceny \$200-\$1,000, in violation of MCL 750.3564A; and False Pretenses \$200 - \$1,000, in violation of MCL 750.2183A, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice in Michigan be suspended for three years, effective April 21, 2004, the date of respondent's conviction.

The respondent filed a timely petition for review and the Grievance Administrator filed a cross-petition for review. A review hearing was held on July 21, 2005 and on September 19, 2005, the Board issued an order modifying the hearing panel's order of suspension as to the effective date of suspension only. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,368.46.