## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION (By Consent)

Case No. 04-8-GA

Notice Issued: November 9, 2004

David H. Raaflaub, P 29975, Ypsilanti, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Washtenaw County Hearing Panel #1.

- 1. Suspension 30 Days
- 2. Effective November 5, 2004<sup>1</sup>

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline containing respondent's plea of nolo contendere to the allegations that, in a bankruptcy matter, he made misrepresentations to the court when he stated that a nonlawyer was his "chief office staff person," and "part of my staff" when she was not associated with respondent other than to offer to take referrals from respondent; and that he shared legal fees with a person who was not a lawyer and not an employee of respondent's law practice.

Respondent was charged with violations of MCR 9.014(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a); 3.3(a)(1); 5.4; and 8.4(a)-(c). The parties agreed that respondent should be suspended for 30 days. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,211.97.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since August 26, 2003. See Final Notice of Suspension, dated November 26, 2003, in <u>Grievance Administrator v David H. Raaflaub</u>, Case No. 01-94-GA.