NOTICE OF SUSPENSION (By Consent)

Case No. 03-77-GA

Notice Issued: November 2, 2004

David C. Ritchie, P 46553, Ypsilanti, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Washtenaw County Hearing Panel #3.

- 1. Suspension 3 Years
- 2. Effective November 2, 2004

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), containing respondent's plea of no contest to the allegations that he practiced while suspended; neglected and failed to communicate with his clients; failed to safekeep a client's property; failed to surrender papers to a client; failed to respond to the lawful demands of the Grievance Administrator; and failed to answer requests for investigation.

Respondent was charged with violations of MCR 9.104(A)(9); MCR 9.113(A); MCR 9.119(E); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.4(a) and (b); 1.15(a); 1.16(d); and 8.1(a)(2). The parties agreed that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan should be suspended for three years and that respondent be subject to certain conditions, including the payment of restitution in the aggregate amount of \$7,487.50, along with other conditions relevant to the alleged misconduct. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,268.73.