

FINAL NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Case No. 01-94-GA

Notice Issued: November 26, 2003

David H. Raaflaub, P 29975, Ann Arbor, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board vacating the Washtenaw County Hearing Panel #1's order of a 180 day suspension.

1. Suspension - 1 Year
2. Effective August 26, 2003

The hearing panel affirmed the findings of a master appointed by the Attorney Discipline Board that, in a motion filed with the Michigan Court of Appeals in a criminal matter, the respondent made false accusations that an assistant prosecutor and a circuit court judge engaged in improper and/or illegal conduct during the course of a criminal trial, and that respondent made those accusations with reckless disregard as to their truth or falsity. The respondent's conduct was deemed to be in violation of Michigan Rule of Professional Conduct 8.2(a) and, following a separate hearing on discipline, the hearing panel imposed a suspension of 180 days.

The respondent petitioned for review and requested a stay of discipline which was granted by the Attorney Discipline Board. On June 16, 2003, the Board issued an order vacating the hearing panel's order and increasing the discipline from a suspension of 180 days to a suspension of one year. The Board subsequently denied the respondent's motion for reconsideration and ordered that the stay of discipline should remain in effect until August 26, 2003.

The respondent's application for leave to appeal was denied by the Michigan Supreme Court on October 30, 2003. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,930.62.