

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION
(By Consent)

Case No. 02-57-GA

Notice Issued: March 26, 2003

James M. Joyce, P-28276, Grand Rapids, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Kent County Hearing Panel #4.

1. Suspension - 90 days;
2. Effective March 1, 2003.

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 nolo contendere to the allegations that he failed to timely file an application for leave to appeal with the Michigan Supreme Court; failed to inform his client that he had not filed the application for leave to appeal; and made a statement to his client that the Michigan Supreme Court had declined to hear the case, knowing that statement was false. Respondent was charged with violations of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.2(a); 1.3: 1.4(a) and (b); 4.1; and 8.4(a)-(c). The parties agreed that respondent should be reprimanded. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$9.72.