

NOTICE OF REVOCATION AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 02-132-GA

Notice Issued: February 10, 2003

Craig W. Bender, P 26406, Southfield, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #80.

1. Revocation;
2. Effective February 8, 2003.¹

The hearing panel found, by default, that respondent, commingled and misappropriated funds belonging to the estate of an incapacitated person; forged the signature of a co-conservator; and made false statements in accounts filed with the probate court.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(5); MCR 5.313(E); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a)-(c); 3.3(a)(1); (2) and (4); 4.1; and 8.4(a)-(c). The panel issued an order revoking respondent's license to practice law in Michigan and ordered restitution in the amount of \$212,289.19. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,760.50.

¹ Respondent's license to practice law in Michigan has been revoked since April 28, 2000. Please see Final Notice of Revocation and Restitution dated December 27, 2000.