

NOTICE OF DENIAL OF PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

Case No. 01-27-RP

Notice Issued: April 16, 2002

Richard L. Banta, II, P-39845, River Rouge, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board, vacating Tri-County Hearing Panel #11's order granting reinstatement.

1. Petition for Reinstatement Denied;
2. Effective April 16, 2002

Petitioner was suspended from the practice of law, by consent, for a period of 181 days effective September 3, 1998. His petition for reinstatement filed in accordance with MCR 9.123(B) and MCR 9.124 was granted by Tri-County Hearing Panel #11. The panel concluded that petitioner had satisfactorily established his eligibility for reinstatement in accordance with the guidelines of those court rules. On October 19, 2001, the panel issued its report and Order Granting Petition for Reinstatement with Condition. Petitioner complied with the immediate conditions of that order on October 23, 2001, and his reinstatement to the practice of law was deemed to be effective on that date.

The Grievance Administrator filed a petition for review seeking reversal of the order granting reinstatement. Upon review, the Attorney Discipline Board vacated the hearing panel's order and denied the petition for reinstatement. The Board further ordered petitioner to cease and desist the practice of law as of April 16, 2002. Total costs assessed were in the amount of 800.00.