

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION
(By Consent)

Case No. 00-161-GA

Notice Issued: February 26, 2001

Horace D. Cotton, P-33268, Detroit, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #31.

1. Suspension - 1 Year;
2. Effective February 26, 2001.

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5). The stipulation was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The respondent offered a plea of no contest to the charges of misconduct in Formal Complaint 00-161-GA, specifically: In a personal injury case in which a lien had been filed against the proceeds of any settlement, respondent failed to maintain sufficient funds in his client trust account to pay the lien; misappropriated the funds designated for payment of the lien; and failed to satisfy the lien until after the matter was brought to the attention of the Attorney Grievance Commission.

Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a)-(c) and 8.4(a)-(c). The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for one year. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$116.53.