

NOTICE OF REVOCATION AND RESTITUTION

Case No. 00-78-GA

Notice Issued: February 2, 2001

Richard A. Neaton, P-26974, Port Charlotte, Florida by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #85.

1. Revocation;
2. Effective February 2, 2001.

The hearing panel found respondent in default for failing to appear at the hearing on November 1, 2000. Based upon respondent's default, the hearing panel found that the misconduct charged in the complaint had been established, specifically: Respondent failed to return trust funds to the rightful beneficiaries; commingled trust funds with his own; made misrepresentations as to his investment of the trust funds; misappropriated funds held in trust as a fiduciary; failed to file a final accounting or deliver funds as ordered by a circuit court in the state of Maryland; and failed to make any substantial payments toward his satisfaction of the consent judgment entered by the Wayne County Circuit Court. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1)-(4); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4(a) and (b); 1.15(a) and (b); 3.4(c); 4.1 and 8.4(a)-(c).

The hearing panel ordered the revocation of respondent's license to practice law in Michigan. The panel further ordered that respondent pay restitution. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$419.29.