

## **NOTICE OF REVOCATION**

Case No. 00-149-GA

**Notice Issued: January 18, 2001**

Joseph P. Kierpiec, P-23914, Detroit, Michigan by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #14.

1. Revocation;
2. Effective January 18, 2001.

The hearing panel found, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the allegations in the formal complaint had been established, to wit: That respondent signed his client's name to settlement checks without his client's consent or authorization; failed to deposit his client's settlement funds into a trust or IOLTA account; commingled some of the settlement funds by depositing them into his personal checking account; and misappropriated the settlement funds. 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 the revocation of respondent's license to practice law in Michigan. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$351.27.