

FINAL NOTICE OF REVOCATION

Case Nos. 99-146-GA; 99-157-FA

Issued: October 20, 2000

James L. Edmonds, P-36683, Flint, Michigan by the Attorney Discipline Board, increasing Tri-County Hearing Panel #4's order of discipline from a three year suspension to revocation.

- 1) Revocation;
- 2) Effective May 19, 2000.¹

Respondent James L. Edmonds failed to answer Formal Complaint 99-146-GA and supplemental complaint 99-157-FA. Respondent also failed to appear at the public hearing conducted on January 11, 2000.

Based upon respondent's default, the panel found that the alleged misconduct had been established, to wit: That respondent violated previous orders of discipline issued by the Attorney Discipline Board by practicing law while his license was suspended; knowingly made false statements in his answers to requests for investigation served upon him by the Grievance Administrator; and failed to file answers to the formal complaints. Respondent's conduct was deemed to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1)-(4), (6), (7) and (9); MCR 9.113(A); MCR 9.119(E)(1) and (3); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2(c); 3.3(a)(1); 8.1(a); and 8.4(a)-(c). On April 27, 2000, the hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for three years.

On May 4, 2000, the Grievance Administrator filed a conditional petition for review. On May 12, 2000, respondent also filed a petition for review along with a request for a stay of discipline. The Attorney Discipline Board denied respondent's petition for a stay of discipline and conducted a review hearing on August 17, 2000. Respondent did not attend that hearing.

On September 26, 2000, the Board issued an order increasing respondent's discipline to a revocation. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$387.37.

¹ Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law since July 7, 1998. See Notice of Suspension, dated October 7, 1998.