

NOTICE OF REVOCATION

Case Nos. 99-22-GA; 99-73-JC; 99-83-GA; 99-109-GA; 00-62-GA

Notice Issued: September 22, 2004

Jeffrey E. Schaefer, P 31641, West Bloomfield, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #70.

1. Revocation
2. Effective April 15, 1999¹

Based on respondent's default, plea of no contest, and convictions, the panel found that respondent misappropriated funds, failed to account for funds, and failed to communicate with his clients in five matters; lied in his answers to four requests for investigation; failed to cooperate in the investigation of two requests for investigation; failed to answer one request for investigation; and made a false statement to a client and to the police. Additionally, respondent was convicted of three counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance Under 25 Grams, in violation of MCL 333.74032; one count of Resisting Arrest, in violation of MCR 750.479; and four counts of Credit Card Fraud, in violation of MCL 750.157.

Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.103(C); MCR 9.104(1)-(7)*; MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(c); 1.2(a); 1.3; 1.4; 1.15(a)-(c); 1.16(d); 8.1(a) and (b); and 8.4(a)-(c).

The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law in Michigan be revoked, effective April 15, 1999, the date of his felony convictions. Additionally, respondent was ordered to pay restitution in the aggregate amount of \$20,387.53.

The parties filed timely petitions for review and the Board dismissed respondent's petition for review on February 18, 2003 and scheduled a hearing on petitioner's cross-petition for review. Respondent filed a motion for reconsideration and a motion that all matters be held in abeyance, pursuant to MCR 9.121(5). In February 2004, the Board dismissed the respondent's petition for review and petitioner's cross-petition for review. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$980.09.

¹ Respondent's license to practice law in Michigan has been continuously suspended since April 15, 1999. See Notice of Automatic Interim Suspension, dated June 1, 1999.

* The structure of MCR 9.104 was changed in 2001 and violations under this court rule are currently cited as "MCR 9.104(A)."