

## NOTICE OF RECIPROCAL SUSPENSION

Case No. 97-317-RD

Craig Ian Sherman, P-45479, Tierra Verde, Florida (formerly of Milford, Michigan), by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #25.

- 1) Suspension - Three (3) Years;
- 2) Effective Retroactive to November 16, 1996.

In May 1996, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida accepted respondent's guilty plea to one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, in violation of 18 USC 1956 and 1957. In a disciplinary proceeding based on that conviction, respondent was suspended from the practice of law in Florida for three years commencing November 16, 1996. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of the following disciplinary rules: Rule 3-4.3 (commission by a lawyer of an act that is unlawful or contrary to honesty and justice); Rule 3-4.4 (criminal misconduct); Rule 4-8.4(b) (A lawyer shall not commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer); and Rule 4-8.4(c) (A lawyer shall not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), Rules Regarding The Florida Bar.

On December 30, 1997, the Grievance Administrator filed a Petition for Order to Show Cause why an order of reciprocal discipline should not be entered. On January 2, 1998, the Attorney Discipline Board issued an Order to Show Cause. Respondent failed to appear at the show cause hearing conducted on February 16, 1998. On April 29, 1998, the panel issued an Order of Reciprocal Suspension for three years retroactive to November 16, 1996, the effective date of the Florida suspension. The panel noted that respondent's name has not appeared on the roll of active Michigan attorneys since 1994.

Costs were assessed in the amount of \$129.00.

