

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION
(By Consent)

Case Nos. 93-76-GA; 93-212-GA

Joel D. Patterson, P-41674, Royal Oak and Detroit, Michigan,
by Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #9.

- 1) Suspension - sixty (60) days;
- 2) Effective December 24, 1993.

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a stipulation for consent order of discipline pursuant to MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the hearing panel and the Attorney Grievance Commission.

Respondent's supervising attorney was appointed to represent a defendant in post-conviction proceedings. That attorney assigned the case to respondent. Respondent pled no contest to the allegation that he failed to keep in reasonable communication with his client.

Respondent's conduct was alleged to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1)-(4); the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, 1.1(a)-(c); 1.3; 1.4; 3.2; 3.4(c); and 8.4(a)and(c); and the Minimum Standards for Indigent Criminal Appellate Defense Services, Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1981-7, Standards 1, 5, 6, 15 and 17.

The parties stipulated that respondent's practice and case load shall be monitored for a period of one year after he is reinstated. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$60.10.