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NOTICE OF REVOCATION

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Robert O. Lindow, P. O. Box 404, Marshall, MI 49068 by
Attorney Discipline Board Berrien County Hearing Panel.

- 1) Revocation;
- 2) February 12, 1988.

The Respondent failed to answer the Formal Complaint and failed to appear at a hearing on January 4, 1988 in St. Joseph, Michigan. Based upon the default entered against the Respondent, the panel concluded that professional misconduct was admitted as alleged in the Formal Complaint, to wit; that the Respondent failed to carry out a contract for employment in an adoption matter; agreed to defend a client in an automobile accident case but falsely represented to the client that the case had been dismissed; failed to institute an action for divorce on behalf of a client from whom he had accepted a retainer of \$440; falsely represented to a United States Bankruptcy Court that this client had consented to pay the sum of \$850 as attorney fees although he had assured his client that no attorney fees would be charged; and failed to answer five Requests for Investigation. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4,7), MCR 9.103(C), MCR 9.113(B)(2) and Canons 1, 2, 6, and 7 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(1,4-6), DR 2-110(A)(3), DR 6-101(A)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(1-3). Costs were assessed in the amount of \$236.85.

In its unanimous decision to enter an order revoking Respondent's license to practice law, the panel noted the aggravating effect of Respondent's prior disciplinary history consisting of a Reprimand in December 1984, a seventy-five-day suspension effective October 16, 1985 and a suspension of 180 days which has been in effect since May 26, 1987.


John F. VanBolt

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