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## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File Nos. DP 73/86; DP 100/86

Richard L. Fischer, P 13456, 18535 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI 48236 by the Michigan Supreme Court denying Respondent's Application for Leave to Appeal.

- 1) Suspension - 2 years;
- 2) Effective February 23, 1987.

Respondent administered a decedent's estate and, by agreement of clients, took control of the residue of the estate which was to be used for the care of the decedent's companion. Upon the death of that beneficiary several years later, Respondent's clients discovered that \$5000 was not accounted for and Respondent admitted to them that he had misappropriated that sum over a period of time to discharge his own personal obligations. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of MCR 9.104(1-4) and Canons 1 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(4-6); DR 9-102(A) and DR 9-102(1,4).

Noting mitigating factors which included Respondent's unblemished record in twenty-five years of practice and his voluntary agreement to make restitution with interest, the Panel ordered that Respondent's license to practice law be suspended for a period of two years. Upon consideration of separate Petitions for Review filed by the Respondent and the Grievance Administrator, the discipline imposed was affirmed by a majority of the Attorney Discipline Board. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$171.43.

Respondent's Application for Leave to Appeal and Petition for Stay of Discipline were denied by the Court in an Order dated April 27, 1987.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John F. VanBolt", written over a horizontal line.

John F. VanBolt

Dated: APR 30 1987

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