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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION (By Consent)

File No. DP 21/86

Ronald W. Crenshaw, P 2815, 3900 Penobscot Building,
Detroit, MI 458226 by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne County
Hearing Panel #9.

- 1) Suspension -- 3 years, 1 day;
- 2) Effective December 26, 1986.

The nine Count Formal Complaint filed by the Grievance Administrator charged that during the period August, 1983 through April, 1985, Respondent received settlement funds on behalf of three clients in the total amount of \$26,972.21 which he caused to be deposited into the firm's client trust accounts but that he commingled those funds with his own and that he misappropriated client funds in the amount of \$18,583.44; that false statements were made to one of the clients by the Respondent, or at his direction, concerning the status of her settlement check and the availability of her funds; and that Respondent filed an Answer to a Request for Investigation which he knew to be false. The Complaint alleged violations of MCR 9.104(1-4)(6); MCR 9.113.1 and Canons 1 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to wit: DR 1-102(A)(4-6) and DR 9-101(A), DR 9-102(A)(B)(1-4).

The Respondent and the Grievance Administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Discipline in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5) in which the Respondent offered his plea of nolo contendere to all the charges in the Complaint and the parties stipulated that an order might be entered by the Hearing Panel suspending Respondent's license for three years and one day. The Stipulation was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and the Hearing Panel. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$152.57.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John F. VanBolt".

John F. VanBolt

JAN 15 1987

Dated: _____