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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File No. DP 96/86

James C. DeVries, P 12731, 443 Comerica Building,
Kalamazoo, MI 49007 by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne County
Hearing Panel #16.

- 1) Suspension - four years;
- 2) Effective retroactive to May 30, 1986.

Respondent pleaded guilty on May 30, 1986 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States in violation of 18 USC 371 and one count of income tax evasion in violation of 18 USC Sec. 7201. In accordance with MCR 9.120, Respondent's license to practice law was automatically suspended on the date of conviction and he was ordered to appear before a hearing panel to show cause why a final order of discipline should not be entered. The Hearing Panel noted the mitigating effect of Respondent's previously unblemished record during seventeen years of legal practice, his sincere remorse, and cooperation with the federal authorities beyond that which was required by the terms of his plea agreement. The Panel ordered that the four suspension be entered retroactively to May 30, 1986, the date of Respondent's conviction and automatic interim suspension.



John F. VanBolt

Dated: NOV 25 1987