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NOTICE INCREASING SUSPENSION

File No. DP 211/84

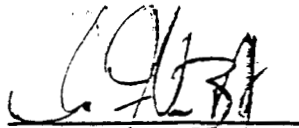
Muir B. Snow, P 20746, 26211 Central Park Boulevard, Suite 616, Southfield, MI 48076 by the Attorney Discipline Board modifying the Hearing Panel Order of Discipline Suspending Respondent's License for Two Years.

- 1) Suspension - Three Years;
- 2) Effective December 26, 1985.

A hearing panel of the Attorney Discipline concluded that Respondent committed acts of professional misconduct as charged in a four Count Complaint, to wit: that Respondent, while acting as the fiduciary and temporary personal representative of a decedent's estate, received funds belonging to the estate in the amount of \$26,875.00, commingled those funds in his personal business account and misappropriated the funds for his own use; the Respondent failed to properly administer the estate by performing certain acts without proper authority; he neglected the estate and failed to prepare and file necessary accounts in a timely manner; and Respondent's collection of attorney fees without the approval of the Probate Court in the amount \$3,025.00 constituted a clearly excessive fee. Respondent's conduct was found to be in violation of GCR 953(1-4) [now MCR 9.104(1-4)] and Canons 1, 2, 6, 7 & 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, DR 1-102(A)(3-6), DR 2-106(A), DR 6-101(A)(1-3), DR 7-101(A)(1-3) and DR 9-102(A)(B). The Panel rejected Respondent's request for an Order of Probation and ordered that his license be suspended for a period two years. The Hearing Panel dated December 5, 1985, became effective December 26, 1985 in the absence of a Petition for Review by the Respondent.

A Petition for Review was filed by the Grievance Administrator seeking increased discipline. By a majority, the Board concluded that a three year suspension was appropriate in light of the serious nature of the misconduct coupled with substantial mitigating factors. The Board further modified the

Hearing Panel Order of Discipline by imposing additional conditions of reinstatement including the presentation of evidence bearing upon his rehabilitation and full restitution to the estate. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$319.00.



John F. VanBolt

Dated: MAR 20 1987