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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

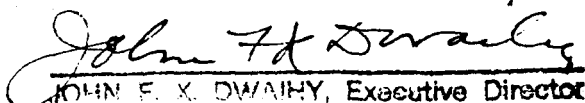
File Nos: DP-252/82; DP-171/82

ROBERT W. LUOMA, (P16861), 2706 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912 by the Attorney Discipline Board increasing a hearing panel suspension.

- (1) Suspension
- (2) For a period of 3 Years and 1 Day
- (3) Effective April 13, 1983 (as previously indicated in notice of April 13, 1983).

The Board affirmed hearing panel findings that: Respondent neglected certain civil litigation resulting in entry of default against his client; a separate client deposited approximately \$180,000 with Respondent during the attorney/client relationship and that approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 of that amount is unaccounted for and further that the money is the subject of civil litigation between the client and Respondent; Respondent failed to answer four requests for investigations and two formal complaints. The panel imposed a one year suspension, the Grievance Administrator appealed and the Board increased the suspension to three years and one day. In its opinion the Board amended the panel findings of fact clarifying that Respondent commingled and converted approximately \$180,000. The Board considered certain personal factors in mitigation, but also noted that the primary violation of misappropriation of funds was aggravated by failure to file an accounting with a court and failure to answer the formal disciplinary complaint.

Respondent's application for leave to appeal and request for stay was denied by the Michigan Supreme Court.


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