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## NOTICE OF REVOCATION

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ROBERT A. GRIMES (P 14393), 1121 South Grand Traverse, Flint, MI 48503, by the Michigan Supreme Court amending the order of suspension entered by the Attorney Discipline Board.

- (1) Revocation of license;
- (2) Effective January 3, 1983. (Date of entry of Supreme Court Order)

Respondent was indicted for filing false and fraudulent income tax returns for the years 1971 and 1972. He was convicted after a jury trial and sentenced to one year imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine on each of two counts, the sentences to run concurrently. His prison term was reduced to thirty days with an additional one year of probation. The Grievance Administrator alleged separate and additional misconduct, to-wit: Respondent allegedly antedated a promissory note or loan agreement and gave it to a client asking the client to tell the government agents that she had received the promissory note four years prior to the time she actually received it. The panel found misconduct based on Respondent's conviction, his antedating of the document and his counselling of the client to make false statements to the government.

The hearing panel entered an order of suspension of 60 days. On re-view the Discipline Board questioned the charge and the panel findings regarding Respondent's counselling of the client to deceive the IRS and noted that this particular allegation was not prosecuted by the government; however, the Board increased the suspension to 120 days. On appeal, the Supreme Court, in a majority opinion, found "adequate support" in the record to conclude that Respondent was guilty of counselling the client to submit false evidence; the Court otherwise affirmed the findings of the Board but increased discipline to revocation of license.

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