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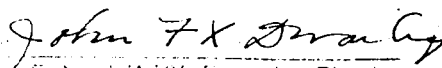
NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

DP-20/81 &
DP-9/82

GARY A. ROTH (P 19690), 1810 Haver, Houston, TX 77006, by the Attorney Discipline Board reviewing and increasing discipline imposed by a hearing panel.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 2 years and 6 months;
- (3) Effective December 20, 1982.

The Board found that Respondent neglected a personal injury matter and that Respondent violated his position of trust by signing the client's name to a settlement release without the client's authorization, endorsing the settlement check without the client's permission and commingling the settlement funds with his own by depositing the settlement check into his own general account. The settlement check was endorsed by Respondent in September of 1979, but the funds were not released to the client until October 1982. It was found that a large portion of the funds were improperly converted by Respondent notwithstanding his reimbursement of the funds with interest to the client after commencement of the Attorney Grievance Commission's investigation. The Board found violations of the Code of Professional Responsibility, Canon 1, DR1-102 (A) and Canon 9, DR9-102(B)(1-4). Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,426.51.


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Dated: OCTOBER 26, 1983