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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

File Nos. DP-53/82 DP-116/82

WILLIAM V. KOKKO (P 16123), 1881 First National Building, Detroit, MI 48226, by Attorney Discipline Board Washtenaw Circuit Hearing Panel.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 30 months;
- (3) Effective September 1, 1982.

The hearing panel found that Respondent in his capacity as an unpaid, volunteer treasurer of a non-profit neighborhood (swimming pool) organization, knowingly and intentionally violated his fiduciary trust to said organization by misappropriating, diverting and converting to his own use funds belonging to said organization in the amount of at least \$16,930.00 over a period of many months; that Respondent failed to deliver when requested, all of the books, records, and accounts pertaining to the financial affairs of said organization; that Respondent intentionally concealed or destroyed part of those records; that Respondent submitted certain account balance sheets which he knew contained erroneous information in a deliberate attempt to conceal his misappropriation of said funds. The hearing panel also found that Respondent was guilty of misconduct due to his failure to file an Answer to the Formal Complaint charging misconduct. The hearing panel found certain mitigation, to-wit: that Respondent made full restitution to the client and expressed regret and repentance for his actions. The panel found violations of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: Canon 1, DR1-102(A)(3)(4)(6) and General Court Rule 953(2)(4).

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DAVID BAKER LEWIS, Secretary of the Attorney Discipline Board

Dated: September 17, 1982 (Original Notice issued September 1, 1982)