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NOTICE OF REVOCATION

DP-39/82

JOSEPH COVINGTON (P 12277), 19347 Greenlawn, Detroit, MI 48221
 by Order of the Attorney Discipline Board increasing discipline ordered by
 the hearing panel.

- (1) Revocation of license;
- (2) Effective April 19, 1982.

Respondent was convicted in Detroit Recorder's Court of the
 Felony of Attempting to Obtain Money of a Value Over \$100 by False Pretenses.
 An interim order of suspension was issued pending hearing panel proceedings
 (see Board Notice dated April 27, 1982). After a hearing, the panel entered
 an order of suspension of 2 years retroactive to the effective date of the
 interim suspension. It was found that Respondent was appointed to represent
 an indigent defendant in Recorder's Court in late 1976 and negotiated a plea
 bargain calling for reduction in the potential penalty; thereafter, Respon-
 dent represented to the client that he could arrange for the original charges
 to be dismissed in exchange for payment of a substantial sum to the Assistant
 Prosecuting Attorney - this was the basis for the felony charge and conviction.
 The Board assessed costs in the amount of \$370.92.

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Dated: April 14, 1983