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NOTICE OF REVOCATION


File No. DP-80/81


JAMES R. B. HOVEY (P 25078), 223 N. Bridge, P. O. Box 41, Grand Ledge, MI 48837, by Attorney Discipline Board Ingham Circuit Hearing Panel "B".

- (1) Revocation of license;
- (2) Effective December 22, 1981.

The hearing panel found that Respondent violated a prior disciplinary order of suspension by accepting a retainer fee, preparing pleadings and failing to advise a client regarding his status of suspension in violation of DR 1-102(A)(1)(2) and (4)-(6), DR 3-101(B) and GCR 953 (1)-(4). The panel also found that Respondent filed a Request for Investigation of the Grievance Administrator which was known by Respondent to be false with intent to deceive and obfuscate the said investigation in violation of DR 1-102(A)(4)-(6) and GCR 953(1)-(4) and (6). The panel further found that Respondent prepared a letter for a grievance complainant's signature and offered to return the retainer fee paid as an inducement to the grievant to execute a letter of withdrawal of the complaint, said letter containing false statements and having been prepared by Respondent within intent to deceive and obstruct the Grievance Administrator's investigation, in violation of DR 1-102(A)(1)(4)-(6), and GCR 953(1)-(4).

The panel noted four prior suspension (120 days in 1969, 30 days in 1974, 120 days in 1980 and 130 days in 1981) and assessed costs in the amount of \$202.00.


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