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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

DP-120/81 and
 DP-12/81

(Consolidated)

J. MICHAEL KOPP (P 16150), 702 E. Arbetus Lake Road, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, by the Order of the Attorney Discipline Board increasing the suspension of 120 days imposed by the hearing panel.

- (1) Suspension;
- (2) For a period of 3 years;
- (3) Effective March 2, 1982. (Note: A Notice of Suspension pending appeal was issued March 2, 1982.)

The Board found that Respondent failed to pay costs in excess of \$2,000 taxed in two prior disciplinary proceedings. Also, Respondent plead guilty to a violation of the insurance code, to-wit: MCLA 500.1207 and 500.150, failure to timely file monies received as an agent, a misdemeanor (People v. John Michael Kopp, Case No. 3707FY, Circuit Court for the County of Grand Traverse.) Respondent failed to answer the Request for Investigation regarding non-payment of costs and the misdemeanor violation and failed to appear before the hearing panel. The Board noted in its opinion: "***the primary concern of the Board in this matter is Respondent's lack of responsiveness and his contempt for the discipline process. When a record reflects an attitudinal problem as well as a pattern of misconduct, the Board is particularly concerned regarding the potential for further harm and prejudice to clients and the system of justice." The Board also considered a prior record of discipline including a 150 day suspension in 1981 and a reprimand by the Supreme Court in 1978.

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