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NOTICE OF REVOCATION OF LICENSE

File No. DP-129/81
Related: 1408/81;
499/81

EDWARD C. DUCKWORTH (P 12985), P. O. Box 492, Baldwin, MI 49304, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne Circuit Hearing Panel "K", pursuant to Respondent's stipulation for revocation of his license under the provisions of GCR 1963, 964.13.


- (1) Revocation of license;
- (2) Effective November 30, 1981.

The Formal Complaint charged that Respondent, while holding the office of prosecuting attorney for Lake County, Michigan, requested funds from the County of Lake to be used for a special investigation of an alleged undercover drug operation; that Respondent received from the county the sum of \$4,000.00 for said purpose; that the funds were never used by Respondent for any special investigation in his capacity as prosecutor; that during his term of office as prosecuting attorney the funds were never returned to the county or to Respondent's successor in office; that said funds were knowingly converted by Respondent and unlawfully appropriated by him to his own use and benefit in violation of GCR 953(1)-(5) and Canons 1 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: DR 1-102(a) (1) (3)-(6) and DR 9-102(b) (4).


A second count charged that Respondent drafted, executed and delivered a warranty deed holding himself out as the personal representative of a certain estate although Respondent was not authorized to act in said capacity and did utter and publish as true the aforesaid warranty deed knowing the same to be false; that Respondent received \$1,800.00 in said real property transaction and converted the said monies of the estate to his own use and benefit in violation of MCLA 750.248 and 750.249 and Canons 1, 7 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

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Under General Court Rule 964.13, a disciplinary Respondent may plead nolo contendere to the charges in a disciplinary complaint allowing a hearing panel to enter an order striking said lawyer's name from the official roll of attorneys and allowing the panel to enter an order of revocation of license, the right to a hearing having been waived.



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