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This is to inform the Courts of the State of Michigan of the following Notice of Discipline:

NOTICE OF REVOCATION

File No. DP-201/80

THOMAS M. COSTELLO, SR., (P12246), (admitted to the Michigan State Bar in 1952), 29715 Briarbank, Southfield, MI 48075, by Attorney Discipline Board Oakland Circuit Hearing Panel "B".

- (1) Revocation;
- (2) Effective May 22, 1981.

Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere to four counts of misconduct and submitted his resignation. The hearing panel entered its order of revocation pursuant to GCR 964.13. The admitted misconduct included filing of a probate inventory by Respondent which he knew to be false.

A second count involved conversion of \$10,000 in client funds. The third count involve misrepresentations to a client in a probate matter and a conversion of estate assets by Respondent to his own use. The fourth count charges, that in a separate probate matter, Respondent was removed as executor for failing to file a proper accounting and that Respondent misappropriated approximately \$80,000 from said estate to his own use and benefit, and that Respondent, although ordered to do so by the court, failed to turn over and surrender to the successor personal representative the assets of said estate in his possession and failed to account for said property. The admitted misconduct constitutes violation of GCR 953 and Canons 1, 6 and 9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

David Baker Lewis

David Baker Lewis, Secretary
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