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

NOTICE OF REVOCATION

File No. DP-210/80

MICHAEL A. THOMAS, (P21382), 27359 Wescott Crescent Drive,
Farmington Hills, MI 48018, by Attorney Discipline Board Wayne Circuit
Hearing Panel "P".

- (1) Revocation;
- (2) Effective (by retroactive order) January 28, 1980.

The Formal Complaint charged: that Respondent was associated with another attorney, who was administrator of a probate estate, that funds of the estate were deposited in a special account, that, on three (3) separate occasions, Respondent unlawfully obtained the passbook of said account, and without the administrator's authority or permission, subscribed the name of said administrator to withdrawal slips, and obtained cashier's checks in the amount of \$6,000, \$5,000, and \$2,000 in violation of Canon 1 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, to-wit: DR 1-102(A)(1)(3)(4)(5)(6) and GCR 953(1-4). The Complaint also charges that Respondent failed to answer the Grievance Administrator's Request for Investigation in regard to the above transactions, in violation of GCR 962.1 and 953(7).

In proceedings before the Hearing Panel, the Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere to the charges in the Complaint, and tendered his resignation, pursuant to GCR 964.13. The Panel considered a prior discipline of suspension of three (3) years and one (1) day, which was effective January, 1980, and assessed costs in the amount of \$63.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Baker Lewis".

David Baker Lewis, Secretary
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