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**NOTICE OF REVOCATION**

Case No. 05-151-GA

**Notice Issued: September 21, 2007**


Rodney Watts, P 26832, Southfield, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board, vacating Tri-County Hearing Panel #64's order of a one year suspension and increasing discipline to a revocation.

1. Revocation
2. February 16, 2007 <sup>1</sup>

The hearing panel found that respondent had knowingly misappropriated funds belonging to a third party; knowingly made false statements of material fact to the Court and to another attorney; and that he failed to answer a request for investigation. Respondent's conduct was in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(1)-(4) and (7); MCR 9.113(A) and (B)(2); and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a)-(c); 4.1; 8.1(a)(2); and 8.4(a)-(c). The hearing panel ordered that respondent's license to practice law be suspended for one year.

The Grievance Administrator filed a timely petition for review on February 15, 2007 and respondent filed a cross-petition on March 15, 2007. On April 30, respondent's cross-petition for review was dismissed by the Board for his failure to file a brief in support of his cross-petition.

Upon review, the Board vacated the hearing panel's order of a one year suspension and increased discipline to a revocation of respondent's license to practice law in Michigan, retroactive to February 16, 2007. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$2,302.58.

  
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John F. Van Bolt

Dated: **SEP 21 2007**  
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<sup>1</sup> Respondent has been continuously suspended since April 30, 2005. See Notice of Suspension and Probation with Conditions, issued March 15, 2005