

ANNUAL REPORT
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD
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Organization and Composition

The Attorney Discipline Board is the adjudicative arm of the Michigan Supreme Court for the discharge of the Court's exclusive constitutional responsibility to supervise and discipline Michigan attorneys. The Board, along with its prosecutorial counterpart, the Attorney Grievance Commission, is part of the bifurcated system of discipline described in Chapter 9.100 of the Michigan Court Rules.

The Attorney Discipline Board consists of 6 lawyers and 3 public members (nonlawyers) appointed by the Supreme Court. A member may not serve more than 2 three-year terms. All members serve without compensation. The Board's chairperson and vice-chairperson are appointed by the Supreme Court. The Board's secretary is elected by its members.

Members of the Attorney Discipline Board in 1997 were: Elizabeth N. Baker, C. H. Dudley, Barbara B. Gattorn, Grant J. Gruel,⁽¹⁾ Albert L. Holtz, Miles A. Hurwitz,⁽²⁾ Michael R. Kramer, Kenneth L. Lewis, Roger E. Winkelman and Nancy A. Wonch.

On September 30, 1997, lawyer member Miles A. Hurwitz concluded his second term as a member of the Board. Mr. Hurwitz brought to the Board a wealth of knowledge in the field of professional responsibility as a former chairperson of the Standing Committee on Professional and Judicial Ethics of the State Bar of Michigan. During his six years on the Board, Mr. Hurwitz served two terms as the Board's vice-chairperson (1993 to 1995) and was appointed by the Supreme Court to two consecutive terms as chairperson (1995 to 1997). Under his leadership, the Board adopted standards for hearing panelist training and instituted an annual series of training workshops around the state. As a member and officer of the Board, Mr. Hurwitz exemplified the highest standards of personal and professional integrity. He leaves with the respect and affection of the members and staff of the Attorney Discipline Board.

In September 1997, the Supreme Court appointed attorney Grant J. Gruel of Grand Rapids to a 3 year term commencing October 1, 1997.

Staff

Michigan Court Rule 9.110 authorizes the Attorney Discipline Board to appoint an attorney as its counsel. The Board's full-time staff consists of John F. Van Bolt, Executive Director and General

Counsel; Mark A. Armitage, Associate Counsel; Margaret Lucas Agius, Legal Assistant; Susan C. Lindeman, Office Manager; Lynn L. Harkins, Secretary; Sherry L. Mifsud, Assignment Clerk and Susan D. Duncan, Assignment Clerk. The Board's offices and hearing room are at One Kennedy Square, 719 Griswold Street, Suite 1910, Detroit, MI 48226.

Hearing Panels

The Board maintains a current roster of over 450 attorneys appointed annually to serve on 3 member hearing panels. The 1997 hearing panelist roster is attached as Appendix "C". The Board has continued its efforts to appoint attorneys as panel members who represent a broad range of professional experience. With the cooperation of the Women Lawyers Association and the Wolverine Bar Association, and other special interest bar associations, the Board actively encourages the participation of women and minorities in Michigan's discipline system.

Upon the filing of a formal complaint, judgment of conviction or petition for reinstatement, the matter is assigned to a hearing panel. Proceedings before a panel are open to the public and are conducted under the Michigan Court Rules applicable to a civil trial in a circuit court and the Michigan Rules of Evidence. During 1997, the Board's hearing panels conducted 317 public hearings.

Complaints submitted by clients, judges or other lawyers regarding an attorney's conduct are investigated by the Grievance Administrator and his or her staff under the supervision of the Attorney Grievance Commission, a separate agency. If formal disciplinary proceedings are authorized by the Commission, the charges of misconduct are set forth in a formal complaint filed by the Administrator. The charges in the complaint must be established by a preponderance of the evidence. If the charges of misconduct are not established, the panel must enter an order of dismissal. Upon a finding of misconduct, the panel must conduct a separate phase of the hearing to determine the appropriate discipline. The levels of discipline provided in the court rules are reprimand, probation, license suspension and license revocation (disbarment). In a discipline matter decided July 15, 1997, the Supreme Court held that under certain circumstances, a finding of professional misconduct may result in an order of discipline which effectively imposes no discipline on the attorney. Grievance Administrator v Deutch, 455 Mich 149, 163 (1997).

Discipline orders include an assessment of costs incurred by the Grievance Commission and Discipline Board, and may include an order of restitution to an aggrieved client. Orders of reprimand or suspension may include additional conditions relevant to the established misconduct, including legal education, reformation of law office practices and personal counseling.

Unless appealed within 21 days, an order of discipline entered by a hearing panel constitutes a final order and may be enforced in civil contempt proceedings instituted by the Grievance Administrator.

Appeals

The respondent, the Grievance Administrator or the complainant may petition the Attorney Discipline Board for a review of an order entered by a hearing panel. The Board's review in such cases is based upon the record presented to the hearing panel and the written and oral arguments presented by the parties on appeal. Following its review, the Board may enter an order affirming, reversing or modifying the panel's order. In addition, the Board regularly considers and disposes of various motions seeking stays of discipline, extensions of time to pay costs, consolidation or severance of pending matters and the institution of show cause proceedings for alleged violations of discipline orders.

During 1997, the Board held 11 regularly scheduled meetings in Detroit and heard oral arguments in 47 review cases (compared to 37 review case the previous year.) Of the 32 appeals involving orders imposing discipline, the Board affirmed the hearing panel decision in 16 cases (50%); increased discipline in 7 cases (22%); decreased discipline in 6 cases (19%); and remanded 3 cases to the hearing panel for further proceedings (9%). The Board heard 13 appeals from hearing panel orders of dismissal. In those cases, the Board affirmed the hearing panel dismissal in 9 cases. In 4 cases, the Board reversed the hearing panel's dismissal and remanded for further proceedings.

The Board considered 2 appeals in reinstatement cases. The Board affirmed 1 hearing panel order granting reinstatement and affirmed 1 panel order denying reinstatement.

Summary of Disclosure Requests

In 1996, there were no motions for disclosure filed with the Board pursuant to MCR 9.126(D)(7) or MCR 9.126(E)(5).

New Cases Filed

There were 273 new formal complaints filed in 1997. Of these, 175 complaints⁽³⁾ contained original charges of misconduct based upon an investigation conducted by the Attorney Grievance Commission. The remaining 98 formal complaints⁽⁴⁾ were based solely upon the failure of the respondent/attorney to answer the initial formal complaint, a separate violation under MCR 9.104(7). Such complaints are consolidated for hearing before the panel to which the original complaint has been assigned. The 175 GA formal complaints filed in 1997 represent a 2% decrease from the 179 such complaints filed in 1996.

Fifteen new files were opened upon the filing of petitions for reinstatement in accordance with MCR 9.123(B). An additional 11 cases were commenced under MCR 9.120 with the filing of a judgment of conviction establishing that an attorney had been convicted of a crime. Five matters were commenced with the filing of a petition seeking reciprocal discipline in accordance with MCR 9.104 as the result of a discipline order issued in another jurisdiction.

The 318 new files opened by the Board in 1997 represent an 8.5% increase when compared with the 293 new cases in 1996. The following table (Table 1) illustrates the Board's annual intake of new cases during the past 6 years.



Orders of Discipline/Dismissal

There were 205 final disposition orders issued in 1997, including orders of discipline, dismissal, transferring an attorney to inactive status and granting or denying reinstatement. Because some of these orders involved two or more consolidated complaints, the 205 final disposition orders accounted for the closure of 319 docketed complaints, including supplemental complaints for failure to answer. Orders of discipline (probation, reprimand, suspension and revocation) were issued in 162 cases. A complete list of the orders of discipline issued in 1997 appears in Appendix "B". Orders of discipline issued since 1992 are illustrated in Table 2, below.



Number of Lawyers Disciplined

A lawyer may receive more than one discipline order in a given year. In 1997, 135 lawyers accumulated 162 orders of discipline ranging from probation to disbarment. While there was a slight decrease in the number of discipline orders issued compared to the previous year, the number of lawyers subject to discipline increased from 120 to 135.

In 1994, the Supreme Court ruled that the Board retains jurisdiction to consider misconduct during the period of licensure by attorneys whose licenses were later revoked.⁽⁵⁾ Of the 21 lawyers whose licenses were revoked in 1997, 6 were the subject of 2 revocation orders during the calendar year. The 21 lawyers whose licenses were revoked in 1997 accounted for 32 orders of discipline, or 20% of the final orders of discipline during that year.

Discipline By Consent

The respondent and the Grievance Administrator may enter into a stipulation for a consent order of discipline after a formal complaint has been filed. This procedure, described in MCR 9.115(F)(5), allows the respondent to admit the charges in the complaint, or plead no contest, in exchange for a stated form of discipline. The stipulation must be approved by both the Attorney Grievance Commission and a hearing panel. Thirty-five consent orders were approved in 1997, accounting for 22% of the discipline orders issued.

Misconduct Resulting In Discipline

As in prior years, neglect of client matters was the single largest category of professional misconduct resulting in discipline, accounting for 46% of the discipline orders issued. Such neglect ranged from

failure to provide competent or diligent representation on behalf of a single client to, in some cases, complete abandonment of an attorney's practice. Conduct characterized primarily as neglect accounted for 49% of the reprimand orders, 46% of the suspension orders and 40% of the disbarment orders.

For statistical purposes, cases involving neglect of client matters coupled with an attorney's false statement to the client or to the Grievance Administrator were recorded in a separate category. Those cases accounted for an additional 14% of all discipline orders issued in 1997. Neglect coupled with misrepresentation accounted for 22% of the disbarment orders.

The next largest category of misconduct, misuse of client funds ranging from inadvertent commingling to outright embezzlement, accounted for 12% of all discipline orders. Of the 19 discipline orders involving commingling or misappropriation of client funds, 8 cases resulted in disbarment, 4 resulted in suspensions of 3 years or more and 4 resulted in suspensions greater than 6 months.

Other types of misconduct resulting in discipline in 1997 were criminal convictions (6 felony, 5 misdemeanor)--7%; violations of a prior discipline order--4% and failure to cooperate in a discipline investigation--4%.

Reinstatements

Attorneys suspended for 179 days or less are automatically reinstated upon the filing of an affidavit of compliance with the Supreme Court. In cases of revocation or suspensions of 180 days or more, the attorney must file a petition for reinstatement which is followed by an investigation and a hearing before a panel to determine his or her fitness to re-enter the practice of law. Attorneys suspended for 3 years or more must undergo examination and recertification by the Michigan Board of Law Examiners. In Michigan, a disbarred attorney may petition for reinstatement after 5 years. Fifteen reinstatement petitions were filed with the Board and assigned to panels for hearing in 1997. The Board or its panels issued 8 orders reinstating attorneys whose licenses had been suspended for terms greater than 6 months. Reinstatement was granted to two attorneys whose licenses had been revoked. (6) Reinstatement petitions were denied or dismissed in 4 cases.

Pending Case Load

As of December 31, 1997, there were a total of 202 open discipline or reinstatement cases pending before a hearing panel, the Attorney Discipline Board or the Michigan Supreme Court, as follows:

	<u>Pending 12/31/97</u>	<u>Pending 12/31/96</u>
Supreme Court:	10	17
Attorney Discipline Board:	28	33
Hearing Panels:	164	163
	202	213

Hearing Panelist Workshops

In 1994, the Board embarked on a program to provide continuing education to its appointed hearing panelists. This program was continued in 1997 with workshops in Detroit, and Grand Rapids. A videotape of the workshop conducted in Detroit in September 1997 is available for review by panelists.

Funding

The Attorney Discipline Board receives no public funds. Michigan's attorney discipline system is funded entirely by the State Bar of Michigan which derives its income primarily from the dues assessed against its members. Under the current dues structure approved by the Supreme Court, Michigan lawyers pay mandatory annual dues of \$260, of which \$100 (38%) is specifically allocated for attorney discipline.

For the fiscal year which ended September 30, 1997, the Board's total expenses were \$705,539.* The Board's receipts from reimbursed transcript costs, copying charges and the sale of used equipment amounted to \$72,219, leaving net expenses of \$633,320. This figure represented an increase of 1.8% compared to the previous fiscal year.

Any questions regarding the operation of the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board may be addressed to the Board's chairperson or the Board's executive director at:

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Detroit, Michigan 48226-3342
Telephone: (313) 963-5553
Facsimile: (313) 965-5571
email: adbmich@ameritech.net

John F. Van Bolt, Executive Director

Albert L. Holtz, Chairperson

*Unaudited year-end figures supplied by the State Bar of Michigan.

APPENDIX "A" **ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT** JANUARY 1, 1997 through DECEMBER 31, 1997

I. CASES FILED

A. Formal Complaints (total)	273
1. New Formal Complaints (GA).	175
2. Failure-to-Answer Complaints (FA) . .	98
B. Judgments of Conviction [MCR 9.120] (JC)	11
C. Petitions for Reciprocal Discipline (RD)	5

D. Petitions for Transfer to Inactive Status (PI)	0
E. Reinstatement Petitions (RP)	15
F. Miscellaneous (MZ)	5
G. Automatic Interim Suspensions (AI)	9
H. TOTAL CASES FILED	318
II. <u>FINAL DISPOSITIONS</u>	
A. Final Orders of Discipline	162
1. Revocations	27
2. Suspensions	90
a. Subject to MCR 9.123(A).	31
b. Subject to MCR 9.123(B).	45
c. Subject to MCR 9.123(C).	14
3. Reprimands.	43
4. Probations.	*2
B. Transfers to Inactive Status	0
C. Dismissals	27
D. Reinstatements Granted	10
E. Reinstatements Denied/Dismissed	4
F. Other	2
G. TOTAL FINAL DISPOSITION ORDERS	205
H. Total Cases Closed (Including all consolidated cases.)	319
III. <u>OTHER NOTICES ISSUED</u>	
A. Automatic Interim Suspensions Under MCR 9.120	11
B. Automatic Reinstatements Under MCR 9.123(A)	20
C. Notices of Discipline Pending Appeal	23
D. Reinstatements (File Pending)	5

E. Reinstatements (File Closed)2

F. Other 6

G. TOTAL OTHER NOTICES ISSUED67

IV. HEARINGS

A. Scheduled 654

B. Held 317

V. COSTS

Total Costs Reimbursed to the State Bar of Michigan
by Respondents and Petitioners \$75,470.91

*2 Probation orders combined with other discipline and counted in both categories.

APPENDIX "B"
FINAL ORDERS OF DISCIPLINE - 1997
REVOCATIONS (27)

RESPONDENT	BAR NO.	CITY	EFFECTIVE DATE
BASSE, William A.	P-29168	Troy	August 27, 1996
BASSE, William A.	P-29168	Troy	January 31, 1997
BORJA, Arthur	P-45771	Grand Rapids	December 2, 1997
BORJA, Arthur	P-45771	Grand Rapids	December 5, 1997
CARON, Robert E.	P-25020	Troy	November 1, 1997
KELTZ, Marshall	P-15856	Battle Creek	April 23, 1997
LAIT, James J.	P-37802	Kalamazoo	November 13, 1997
LAUGHLIN, Susan	P-42133	Sterling Heights	July 31, 1997
LITVIN, Barry W.	P-26736	Southfield	September 12, 1997
MCMAHON, Leonard D.	P-23603	Detroit	May 20, 1997
MEEKS, John E.	P-17583	Grand Rapids	October 3, 1997
MEEKS, John E.	P-17583	Grand Rapids	November 13, 1997
MURG, Gary F.	P-18087	Detroit	March 15, 1997
PATTERSON, Joel D.	P-41674	Royal Oak	March 15, 1997
PATTERSON, Joel D.	P-41674	Royal Oak	May 28, 1997
PAVLOCK, Martin D.	P-41306	Troy	August 23, 1996
PAVLOCK, Martin D.	P-41306	Troy	September 30, 1997
POCOCK, Robert M.	P-40059	Warren	April 3, 1997
POCOCK, Robert M.	P-40059	Warren	July 18, 1997
PUZZUOLI, Richard H.	P-41162	Detroit and Birmingham	January 4, 1996
ROBINSON, William A.	P-45201	Okemos	December 4, 1997

SCHEBOR, Herbert H.	P-23988	Garden City	November 15, 1997
SKLAR, Gary I.	P-20557	Livonia	November 15, 1996
SKLAR, Gary I.	P-20557	Livonia	March 14, 1997
TAYLOR, Wanda P.	P-38662	Detroit	August 21, 1997
UNDERWOOD, David L.	P-44754	Haslett	December 9, 1996
WARMACK, Bonnie M.	P-33666	Detroit	January 8, 1997

SUSPENSIONS SUBJECT TO MCR 9.123(B)and(C) (14) [Three years or more]

RESPONDENT	LENGTH OF SUSPENSION	EFFECTIVE DATE
BRANHAM, Sonja J.	Four Years	June 13, 1996
BROOKS, James S.	Three Years	April 15, 1996
BROWN, Basil W.	Three Years	January 7, 1997
CARPENTER, Jack	Five Years	March 23, 1994
GORDON, Robert M.	Three Years	July 17, 1997
HOGAN, Kempf	Three Years	January 1, 1996
HUDSON, Lester D.	Three Years	January 25, 1997
MANSFIELD, Joseph	Three Years	August 12, 1997
MEEKS, John E.	Three Years	May 6, 1997
OGUREK, John P.	Five Years	January 3, 1997
POLIZZI, Angelo J.	Forty-Eight Months	April 4, 1995
SMITH, Mark A.	Three Years	October 18, 1997
THIGPEN, Don Clifton	Three Years	October 20, 1997
VANMETER, Thomas L.	Three Years	February 14, 1997

SUSPENSIONS SUBJECT TO MCR 9.123(B) (45) [180 days to three years]

RESPONDENT	LENGTH OF SUSPENSION	EFFECTIVE DATE
ASHMALL, Roy C.	180 Days	December 24, 1997
BENNETT, Mary E.	Eighteen Months	May 6, 1997
BORJA, Arthur	180 Days	June 20, 1997
BRAAKSMA, William J.	Two Years	January 21, 1997
CAHALAN, William L.	Nine Months	August 9, 1997
CARR, Richard D.	180 Days	May 13, 1997
CATCHINGS, John B.	Two Years	May 1, 1997
CHILDRESS, James Stevenson	Eight Months	December 6, 1996
COOPES, Robert L.	180 Days	January 14, 1997
CRAWFORD, Timothy S.	One Year	September 17, 1996
DOUGLASS, Terence W.	180 Days	April 25, 1997
DREW, Richard J.	180 Days	January 21, 1997
ELLIOTT, Leodis	One Year	October 9, 1996
ELLIOTT, Leodis	One Year (concurrent)	October 9, 1996
ELLIOTT, Leodis	180 Days	May 6, 1997

FOSTER, James E.	180 Days	February 1, 1997
GONEK, Ben	180 Days	July 11, 1997
GREENE, Lawrence R.	Two Years	July 29, 1997
JOHNSON, Michael W.	180 Days	September 26, 1997
KELLEY, IV, Wilbourne A.	One Year	April 30, 1997
KENNEDY, Jeanne P.	180 Days	August 23, 1997
KLINTWORTH, William F.	One Year	August 7, 1997
LAUGHLIN, Susan	180 Days	June 4, 1997
LYNCH, Deborah C.	180 Days	October 22, 1997
MANSFIELD, Joseph	180 Days	March 18, 1997
MURESAN, Ronald A.	Seven Months	April 23, 1997
PATMON, Frederick A.	180 Days	October 8, 1997
POCOCK, Robert M.	One Year	February 7, 1997
RITCHIE, Henry C.	Two Years & Eleven Months	May 9, 1996
ROONEY, Jr., Joseph L.	Eighteen Months	January 14, 1997
SHERMAN, Maia R.	180 Days	December 4, 1996
SHINNICK, Lawrence E.	Six Months	July 25, 1996
SMITH, E. Craig	180 Days	January 10, 1997
SMITH, Nicholas	Two Years	July 29, 1996
SPICER, Hoyt P., II	180 Days	March 6, 1997
STEVENS, Glenn R.	180 Days	May 28, 1997
STEVENS, Glenn R.	Two Years	May 28, 1997
STILES, Charles R.	One Year	December 3, 1996
THOMAS, Samuel V.	180 Days	December 27, 1996
TOMALKA, Cathy L.	Six Months	April 18, 1997
WALTON, Anthony E.	One Year	July 25, 1996
WALTON, Anthony E.	180 Days	June 10, 1997
WERME, Karen E.	Eighteen Months	April 23, 1997
WILSON, Cynthia D.	One Year	January 10, 1996
YAPLE, Edward Gerard	Two Years	May 6, 1997

SUSPENSIONS SUBJECT TO MCR 9.123(A) (31) [Less than 180 days]

RESPONDENT	LENGTH OF SUSPENSION	EFFECTIVE DATE
ANDERSON, Robert E.	120 Days	August 12, 1997
BELL, Samuel	Ninety Days	November 11, 1997
BERARDO, William J.	Thirty Days	February 13, 1997
BORJA, Arthur	Sixty Days	April 30, 1997
CURTIN, Raymond F.	179 Days	May 24, 1997
DEAN, David M.	Thirty Days	July 18, 1997
DEPREKEL, Thomas W.	Ninety Days	April 23, 1997

ELLIOTT, Leodis	100 Days	December 28, 1993
GARRATT, C. William	120 Days	September 4, 1997
GOLDFARB, Carin B.	Ninety Days	April 19, 1997
HANDY, Eric S.	Thirty Days	December 6, 1996
HERBACH, Barry D.	Forty-Five Days	November 4, 1997
HOLMES, Jr., John H.	Sixty Days	September 18, 1997
KELLEY, IV, Wilbourne A.	Thirty Days	April 2, 1997
KISTNER, Mark S.	Thirty Days	October 18, 1997
KLINTWORTH, William F.	Sixty Days	April 19, 1997
KLINTWORTH, William F.	Thirty Days	June 18, 1997
MANN, Robert	Thirty Days	March 24, 1997
MANZIE, Georgia D.	Ninety Days	June 4, 1997
MANZIE, Georgia D.	Ninety Days	August 9, 1997
MAXON, David A.	179 Days	September 26, 1997
MOFFETT, Dennis E.	Thirty Days	December 11, 1997
PROCTOR, Frank G.	Ninety Days	February 18, 1997
RINGELBERG, Jon H.	Thirty Days	August 29, 1997
STROUSS, Jeffrey G.	Ninety Days	January 14, 1997
THOMAS, Claude R.	Ninety Days	April 16, 1997
VIELE, Paul G.	Ninety Days	January 28, 1997
WALTON, Anthony E.	Sixty Days	July 25, 1996
WATTS, Rodney	Thirty Days	September 30, 1997
WILKINS, Gregory L.	120 Days	September 25, 1997
WOODFORD, Wayne	Ninety Days	June 11, 1997

REPRIMANDS (43)

RESPONDENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
BANKS, Mary L.	July 19, 1997
BASSO, Jr., Louis G.	April 16, 1997
BAUMGARDNER, Jr., Walter L.	February 18, 1997
BERMUDEZ, Moises J.	October 30, 1997
BLACKMOND, Frederick J.	August 20, 1997
BURKE, Denise M.	December 31, 1996
CURTIS, Paul D.	January 7, 1997
CURTIS, Paul D.	November 14, 1997
CUTRO, Joseph	June 5, 1997
DEROCHER, Ronald P.	August 23, 1997
DORSEY, Saunders V.	November 15, 1997
DUNCHOCK, Arnold D.	September 6, 1997
DUNN, Dennis James	July 30, 1997
FRIED, David H.	July 11, 1997

GONEK, Ben	July 11, 1997
GREENMAN, Milton H.	August 1, 1997
HALL, Cyril C.	September 25, 1997
HALPERN, Sheldon	October 25, 1996
HAMMOND, Karen R.	October 14, 1997
HARRIS, Warren E.	December 30, 1997
HOLST, Richard C.	October 17, 1997
KOWALCZYK, Mark G.	September 12, 1997
LAKIN, Sanford N.	November 13, 1997
LYNN, Kenneth H.	November 27, 1997
MACDONALD, Raymond A.	December 30, 1997
MOFFETT, Dennis E.	January 4, 1997
NORTON, II, Robert E.	May 1, 1997
NORTON, Scott D.	December 2, 1997
ODOM, Jesse R.	April 10, 1997
PAGE, Kelly L.	April 25, 1997
RAAFLAUB, David H.	November 13, 1996
REED, Susan F.	January 3, 1997
RILEY, Michael J.	June 12, 1997
SEARER, Chris T.	July 1, 1997
SHAPERO, Arnold O.	September 3, 1997
STREETER, Patricia A.	March 4, 1997
TOMKOWIAK, Stephen R.	September 16, 1997
VIAU, James J.	February 4, 1997
WALLACE, Jr., Willard	June 5, 1997
WATSON, Stephanie A.	September 18, 1997
WETHERINGTON, C. Barry	November 8, 1997
WILLIAMS, Brenda R.	January 17, 1997
ZELENOCK, Michael J.	October 11, 1997

PROBATIONS (2)

RESPONDENT	LENGTH OF PROBATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
HANDY, Eric S.	One Year	February 11, 1997
NORTON, Scott D.	Two Years	December 18, 1995

REVOCATIONS 27

SUSPENSIONS - MCR 9.123(C) 14

SUSPENSIONS - MCR 9.123(B) 45

SUSPENSIONS - MCR 9.123(A) 31

REPRIMANDS43

PROBATIONS2#

TOTAL162

#2 combined with other discipline and counted in both categories.

APPENDIX "C"
1997 HEARING PANEL ROSTER
 (As of December 31, 1997)

ADA

Kent County

SMIETANKA, John Allen

ALLEGAN

Allegan County

TOOMAN, Lester J.

ANN ARBOR

Washtenaw County

CARTER, Stefani A.

FINK, Sally Claire

GREEN, Philip

GUERRIERO, Timothy M.

KIEFER, John B.

KOVACH, Susan A.

LAIRD, John R.

LAPORTE, Adele P.

LAX, Jerold

MEADER, Robert E.

NICHOLS, Margaret J.

SACKS, Monika H.

SCARNECCHIA, Suellyn

SCHWARTZ, Elizabeth R.

AUBURN HILLS

Oakland County

BUSACCA, David W.

DEAGOSTINO, Thomas M.

LYON, Mark W.

BATTLE CREEK

Calhoun County

BLASKE, E. Robert

CHRIST, Chris T.

COOKE, Andrew

GEIL, Thomas D.

KARRE, Nelson T.

LEVY, Paul R.

STEFFEL, Jr., Vern J.

SULLIVAN, James M.

BAY CITY

Bay County

LEARMAN, Sr., Richard C.

PIGGOTT, John W.

BEAVERTON

Gladwin County

PEMBERTON, Paul J.

BIG RAPIDS

Mecosta County

WALZ, Kenneth P.

BINGHAM FARMS

Oakland County

ALSPECTOR, Jacob I.

CANVASSER, Sue Ann

HOHAUSER, Michael S.

LOGAN, Leslie Anne

METZ, Virginia F.

SINCLAIR, Timothy R.

ZIVIAN, Etta B.

ZUPPKE, David F.

BIRMINGHAM

Oakland County

BASKIN, Henry

BAUMHART, III, A. David

BUESSER, III, Frederick G.

CARSON, William F.

FISCHER, Paul J.

GOLD, Edward D.

HOUGHTON, Jr., Ralph H.

KATZ, Norman D.

LAWSON, David M.

LOVERNICK, Richard N.

McCANN, D. Michael

NERN, William F.

OCHS, Norman P.

SHERR, Paul D.

VICTOR, Steven I.

WILLIAMS, James J.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Oakland County

BAUM, Martin S.

BINKLEY, David A.

BROOKOVER, Thomas W.

BURDICK, James W.

CHARTRAND, Douglas A.

COLMAN, Albert M.

CRANMER, Thomas W.

CRYSTAL, Joseph

DAMREN, Samuel C.

DARIN, Jr., Dennis A.

DEVINE, Sr., Daniel C.
FABRIZIO, Joseph J.
FEMRITE, Marcia E.
FRYHOFF, Timothy T.
GARIEPY, Robert L.
GOETZ, Jr., Angus G.
GOLDMAN, Barry
GOOGASIAN, George A.
HOWLETT, James L.
JANOVER, Robert H.
LUJAN, Joseph G.
MANIKOFF, V. John
McCONNELL, Kenneth B.
PAPPAS, Edward H.
PARKER, Joyce E.
RANDALL, Anne Lorigas
ROGERS, John T.
ROY, William A.
SHECTER, Lynn H.
SUGERMAN, Donald F.
TOOHEY, Robert E.
VOCHT, Michelle E.
WELLER, II, Robert Y.

BOYNE CITY

Charlevoix County

ARNER, Timothy D.

CADILLAC

Wexford County

HERRINTON, James C.

McCURDY, David S.

CENTER LINE

Macomb County

SCHOENHERR-WARNEZ, Florence M.

CHELSEA

Washtenaw County

FLINTOFT, Peter C.

CLARE

Clare County

TRUCKS, Jay F.

CLARKSTON

Oakland County

BULLARD, III, Rockwood W.

CLINTON TWP

Macomb County

DIXON, Ronald R.

HRIBAR, Robert J.

JANSEN, Wendy A.

PUZZUOLI, Joseph P.

RINI, James W.

DEARBORN

Wayne County

LAKE, Timothy W.
SEIFMAN, Barry A.
VENDITTELLI, Nicholas J.
WYGONIK, Richard

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

Wayne County

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BOLTZ, Russ E.
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CHURIKIAN, Samuel J.
#CLAY, Eric L.
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&COX, Hon. Sean F.
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GRUSKIN, Michael A.
GURWIN, Howard E.
GUSHEÉ, Richard B.
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&KELLY, Hon. Kirsten Frank
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MANION, Paul J.
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MILLER, Bruce A.
MILLER, Camille Stearns
MYERS, Rodman N.
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SAUGET, William J.
SCHONBERG, Edward R.
SCOTT, John E. S.
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SIMPSON, Christine A.
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SMITH, James A.
#STERN, Michael J.
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TEALL, Graham L.
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VARTANIAN, Michael G.
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RAVITZ, Allyn Carol
ROBY, Steven B.
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YOCKEY, Kurt D.
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PIPER, Randolph P.
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&MARKEY, Hon. Jane E.

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REAMON, Martha E.

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@Appointed to Attorney Discipline Board March 29, 1996.

&All full-time judges removed as hearing panelists August 1997.

%Inactive panelist.

~Appointed to Attorney Discipline Board October 1, 1997.

1. Appointed by Supreme Court effective October 1, 1997.

2. Second three-year term expired September 30, 1997.

3. Designated "GA" in Appendix "A."

4. Designated "FA" in Appendix "A."

5. Grievance Administrator v Attorney Discipline Board, 447 Mich 411 (1994).

6. In the Matter of the Reinstatement of Evan H. Callanan, Lv den 455 Mich 1215 (1997); Kelly v Board of Law Examiners, 454 Mich 1206 (1997).