

January 4, 2018

The Law Society alleged that **Paul Nicholas Golian**, 2009, of Port Huron, MI, committed professional misconduct.

The panel determined that the following allegations were established:

- Between August 2011 and August 2012, the lawyer borrowed a total of \$120,000 from funds he was holding in trust for his client LB's matrimonial matter, contrary to Rule 2.06(4) of the *Rules of Professional Conduct* in effect at that time.
- On or about December 31, 2013, the lawyer misapplied \$21,535.93, more or less, of funds he was holding in trust for his client LB's matrimonial matter when he transferred it to the overdrawn trust ledger of an unrelated client, BI.
- Between August 2011 and April 2014, the lawyer misappropriated \$105,681.41, more or less, from funds he was holding in trust for his client LB's matrimonial matter.
- The Lawyer failed to comply with a court order dated January 3, 2014 requiring him to disburse the funds he was holding in trust for his client LB's matrimonial matter.

The panel orders:

1. The Respondent's licence to practise law is revoked, effective immediately.
2. The Respondent shall comply with the *Guidelines for Former Lawyers Whose Licences Have Been Revoked or Who Have Been Permitted to Surrender Their Licences*.
3. The Licensee shall pay to the Compensation Fund the amount of \$120,917.14 on or before January 4, 2019, after which time interest on any unpaid balance will accrue at the rate of 2% per year.
4. The Respondent shall pay costs of \$5,000 to the Law Society on or before January 4, 2019, after which time interest on any unpaid balance will accrue at the rate of 2% per year.

(Counsel for the Society, Deborah A. McPhadden / the Lawyer self-represented)