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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL LEGAL CONSULTANT

Case Nos. 25-93-AI; 26-58-JC

Notice Issued: November 23, 2026

Ziad Mahmood Khalel, PL 1108, Sterling Heights, Michigan

Disbarment and Revocation of Certificate of Special Legal Consultant - Effective November 20, 2026.[1]

Respondent was admitted as a special legal consultant in Michigan in 2022 pursuant to Rule 5(G) of the Rules for the Board of Law Examiners. An individual who is qualified for admission without examination under that rule is limited to rendering professional legal advice on the law of the foreign country where the individual is admitted to practice. In this case, that country is Iraq.

The Grievance Administrator filed a Notice of Filing of Judgment of Conviction against respondent that alleges respondent was convicted by guilty plea of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, a felony, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1349, in *United States of America v Ziad Khalel*, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Case No. 2:23-cr-20022-002. Respondent was sentenced to prison for a term of twelve months and one day and ordered to pay restitution.

Based on his conviction and evidence presented at a show cause hearing conducted pursuant to MCR 9.120(B)(3), Tri-County Hearing Panel #102 found that respondent committed professional misconduct when he engaged in conduct that violated criminal laws of the state or of the United States, an ordinance, or tribal law pursuant to MCR 2.615, in violation of MCR 9.104(5); and engaged in conduct involving a violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b).

The panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in Michigan and that his certification as a Special Legal Consultant be revoked. Total costs were assessed in the amount of $1,815.55.

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[1]Respondent has been continuously suspended from the practice of law in Michigan since October 20, 2025, the date of respondent's felony conviction and automatic suspension pursuant to MCR 9.120(B)(1). See Notice of Automatic Interim Suspension issued October 30, 2025.