



## PUBLIC DISCIPLINE

Oct. 20 through Dec. 17, 2010

### BERKS COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Nov. 4 ordered **Jeffrey J. Howell** suspended for five years, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Howell “took advantage” of an elderly client by failing to provide competent representation in connection with the creation of a new will, power of attorney and joint account. The report also said Howell knowingly entered into a business transaction and an ownership interest adverse to his client.

### CAMBRIA COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Dec. 6 ordered **John M. Kasaback** suspended for three months but stayed the suspension and placed him on probation for one year, with conditions, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. Among the conditions was the payment of restitution to two clients. According to the disciplinary report, “The crux of [his] misconduct is neglect, lack of communication, failure to communicate a fee agreement in writing and failure to return unearned fees.”

### CHESTER COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Nov. 30 ordered **Marc D. Collazzo** suspended on consent for one year and one day, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the petition in support of discipline, Collazzo made “numerous knowing and false representations” to clients about the status of their cases in separate matters involving a sexual assault complaint and automobile accident litigation.

### LEHIGH COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Dec. 6 ordered **Gregory F. Lepore** disbarred on consent, retroactive to Sept. 27, 2010, the date he was placed on temporary suspension. According to his resignation, he pleaded guilty in federal court to possession of a machine gun and manufacture of marijuana.

### PHILADELPHIA

The Supreme Court on Nov. 15 ordered **Aaron Pogach** subjected to public censure, on consent, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. Justice Seamus P. McCaffery dissented. The joint petition in support of discipline said Pogach violated rules covering conflicts and solicitation of gifts when he drafted a will for a client naming himself as beneficiary.

The court on Nov. 23 ordered **Joseph A. Canuso** suspended for two years on consent but stayed the suspension and placed him on probation for two years, with monitoring, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the joint petition in support of discipline, Canuso failed to pursue an appeal diligently on behalf of a client who had been convicted of murder and other charges.

The court on Dec. 15 ordered **Donald Chisholm II** suspended for six months but stayed the suspension and placed him on probation for one year, with conditions, as recommended by a majority of the Disciplinary Board. Four members of the board dissented in favor of recommending a six-month suspension. According to the disciplinary report, Chisholm twice failed to file briefs for clients, resulting in the dismissal of appeals, and failed to withdraw from a representation after being transferred to inactive status.

### SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Oct. 28 ordered **Paul Anthony Kelly** suspended for 18 months. The Disciplinary Board recommended that he be suspended for three years. Justice Seamus P. McCaffery dissented in favor of imposing a three-year suspension. According to the disciplinary

report, Kelly was involved in a dispute over a quarry lease in which he filed “baseless lawsuits,” made “several baseless complaints” to the state Department of Environmental Protection, misrepresented the status of a court order, filed “three different descriptions” of a boundary line and failed to run communications about litigation through the other side’s attorney.

### DISBARMENTS ON CONSENT

The following attorneys have been disbarred on consent under a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to resignations by attorneys who are being investigated for allegations of misconduct: **Jeffrey Phillip Osmond**, Bradford County, on Oct. 28, retroactive to July 11, 2009; and **John S. Picconi**, Dauphin County, on Nov. 23.

### RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has imposed reciprocal discipline on the following attorneys: **Charles Stephen Bartolett**, Philadelphia, suspended for three months, on Nov. 23, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey; **Michael L. Block**, Voorhees, N.J., suspended for six months, on Nov. 23, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey; **David W. Boyer**, Trenton, N.J., suspended for three months, on Nov. 23, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey; **Alake Johnson-Ford**, Washington, D.C., disbarred, on Dec. 6, for like discipline imposed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; **Thomas Ashton Edwards**, Miami, Fla., disbarred, on Dec. 15, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of Florida; and **Abdoulai A. Swareh**, Washington, D.C., disbarred, on Dec. 15, for like discipline imposed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

### REINSTATEMENTS

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The Supreme Court has granted a petition for reinstatement filed by the following: **Walter D. Deliman**, Lackawanna County, on Nov. 15, from a suspension of one year and one day, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. ♦