

Discipline

PUBLIC DISCIPLINE

Jan. 1 — Feb. 29, 2004

Allegheny County

The Supreme Court on Feb. 3 ordered **Mark Anthony DeSimone** suspended for two years and eight months, retroactive to Jan. 31, 2002, the date of his temporary suspension, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, DeSimone was temporarily suspended after he was convicted of one count of federal income tax evasion.

Berks County

The court on Feb. 3 ordered **Michael Mayro** suspended for two years, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. The disciplinary report said Mayro “failed to expedite litigation, failed to respond to dispositive motions and discovery, and failed to communicate with his clients” in four separate matters.

Lackawanna County

The court on Feb. 18 ordered **Robert J. McCormack Jr.** suspended for three years rather than the 27 months recommended by a majority of the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, McCormack converted client funds in two matters and neglected representation of his clients in nine instances. One member of the Disciplinary Board dissented in favor of a four-year suspension.

Philadelphia

The court on Feb. 18 ordered **Jonathan M. Levin** suspended for two years, as recommended by a minority of the Disciplinary Board. The disciplinary report said Levin improperly handled his escrow account — commingling personal funds, allowing balances to fall below the amounts entrusted to him, converting funds from the account, and failing to promptly distribute funds. The majority on the Disciplinary Board recommended a 10-month suspension followed by three years of probation. Another minority on the board recommended a suspension of one year and one day.

Disbarments on Consent

The following attorneys have been disbarred on consent under a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to resignations by attorneys under disciplinary investigation: **Linda Breitlauch**, Monroe County, on Feb. 3; **Barbara A. Thomas**, Bucks County, on Feb. 11; **George A. Baillie**, Washington County, on Feb. 11; and **William Russell Adams**, Philadelphia, on Feb. 18.

Temporary Suspension — Rule 208(f)

The following attorney has been placed on emergency temporary suspension under a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to attorneys whose continued practice would cause substantial public or private harm because of the misappropriation of funds or other egregious conduct: **Paul Anthony Graeff Jr.**, Philadelphia, on Feb. 3.

Reciprocal Discipline

The court has imposed reciprocal discipline on the following attorney: **Patrick M. Casey**, out of state, suspended for three months, on Feb. 25, in response to a like suspension imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

TRANSFER TO INACTIVE STATUS

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The following attorney has been transferred to inactive status in connection with a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to respondents in disciplinary proceedings who are suffering from a disability and are unable to prepare an adequate defense: **Jonathan E. Jones**, Allegheny County, on Feb. 3.

REINSTATEMENTS

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The Supreme Court on Feb. 3 ordered **Ara Richard Avrigian**, Philadelphia, reinstated from a three-month suspension. The court on Feb. 18 dissolved a temporary suspension against **Joseph Edward Hudak**, Allegheny County.