



DISCIPLINE

PUBLIC DISCIPLINE

Aug. 16 through

Oct. 18, 2007

»» MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Aug. 30 ordered **James Richard Hall** suspended for two years, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, a client's lawsuit was dismissed due to Hall's "incompetent, neglectful and deceitful actions" and he "continued to hold himself out as eligible to practice" after being transferred to inactive status.

»» PHILADELPHIA

The Supreme Court on Sept. 7 ordered **Charles P. Mirarchi III** suspended for five years, retroactive to Feb. 23, 2006, the date of his temporary suspension, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Mirarchi was convicted of mail fraud in connection with a scheme to fix \$47,000 worth of parking tickets.

The court on Sept. 19 ordered **Edward John King** suspended on consent for one year, retroactive to Aug. 1, 2007, the date of his temporary suspension, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the joint petition in support of discipline, King omitted two arrests from 1993 and 1994 in North Wildwood, N.J., from his bar application.

»» TIOGA COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Sept. 19 ordered **Stephen J. Banik** suspended on consent for one year, with six months served and six months stayed, and ordered him to comply with all conditions of his criminal probation, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the joint petition for discipline, Banik pleaded guilty to third-degree felony criminal use of a communication

facility, misdemeanor distribution of a small amount of marijuana and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

»» YORK COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Sept. 24 ordered **James W. Harris** suspended for nine months, as recommended by a majority of the Disciplinary Board. One board member dissented in favor of recommending a suspension of a year and a day. The disciplinary report said Harris "practiced law on two occasions while on inactive status for two months."

The court on Sept. 24 also ordered **Robert A. Krug** to be subjected to public censure, as recommended by a majority of the Disciplinary Board. Two board members dissented in favor of recommending a private reprimand; one board member dissented in favor of recommending a six-month suspension. According to the disciplinary report, Krug "failed to diligently represent his client's interests" in an equitable distribution claim and "perpetuated the false idea that [the client's] legal issues were being appropriately handled."

»» OUT OF STATE

The Supreme Court on Aug. 30 ordered **Michael L. Block**, Voorhees, N.J., suspended for one year in Pennsylvania, consistent with a like suspension imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

The court on Aug. 30 ordered **Rubina Arora Wadhwa**, Lansdowne, Va., suspended for nine months, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Wadhwa failed to appear for a scheduled immigration court hearing, failed to notify her client of the hearing and "knowingly made a false statement" about the reason for her absence when she filed a motion to reopen the case.

The court on Oct. 11 ordered **John P. Halvonik**, Rockville, Md., suspended from practice in Pennsylvania, consistent with his suspension from practice before



the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

»» RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has imposed reciprocal discipline on the following attorney: **Philip G. Gentile**, Flemington, N.J., disbarred in Pennsylvania, on Aug. 30, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

»» TEMPORARY SUSPENSION — RULE 214

The following attorneys have been placed on temporary suspension under a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to attorneys convicted of serious crimes: **Jordan B. Luber**, Philadelphia, on Sept. 7; and **Stephen Michael Frankel**, York County, on Sept. 24.

REINSTATEMENTS

Aug. 16 through

Oct. 18, 2007

»» OUT OF STATE

The Supreme Court on Oct. 11 ordered the reinstatement of **M. Abraham Ahmad**, Potomac, Md., from reciprocal disbarment in response to disbarment by the State of Maryland, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Ahmad resigned from the Maryland bar in response to "allegations of misappropriation" made by his former partner. The report said the Maryland Attorney Grievance Commission "later concluded that the affidavit from which [Ahmad's] disbarment arose appeared to be false." ❁