



## PUBLIC DISCIPLINE

Aug. 19 through Oct. 13, 2011

### ALLEGHENY COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Sept. 8 ordered **David M. Gilliland** suspended for three years and then stayed the suspension and placed him on probation for three years, subject to monitoring, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Gilliland failed to record documents on behalf of a client and neglected other of the client's matters that "put at least \$228,000 of the client's assets at risk."

The court on Oct. 3 ordered **William Floyd Conway** suspended for three years, retroactive to Feb. 3, 2010, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. Justice Seamus P. McCaffery dissented in favor of a five-year suspension. "The factual essence of this matter is that respondent needed money for cocaine," the disciplinary report said. "His drug dealer was in prison and the dealer's girlfriend came to respondent and asked him to take drugs into the prison in exchange for money and some cocaine for personal use. Respondent agreed to do this, went to the prison and was arrested."

The court on Oct. 3 ordered **Dennis Joseph Spyra** suspended for six months, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Spyra's communication with a client in a bankruptcy proceeding was "practically non-existent" and that in another bankruptcy matter he "did nothing to protect his client's interests."

### BUCKS COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Aug. 25 ordered **Thomas H. Baker** suspended on consent

for four years, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the joint petition in support of discipline, Baker mishandled funds over an 11-year period as president of Lawyers Land Services, which handled real estate closings on behalf of lenders and acted as an issuing agency for title insurance. According to the petition, Baker at one point had a shortfall of \$770,000 in his escrow account and his company "improperly purported to issue title insurance" when not authorized to do so by any title company.

### CHESTER COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Oct. 3 ordered **Wayne D. Bozeman** suspended on consent for five years, retroactive to Dec. 16, 2009, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the joint petition in support of discipline, Bozeman pled guilty to federal charges of conspiracy to defraud in connection with a scheme to avoid paying taxes on unreported income of more than \$830,000 while attending law school and working as an intern in a prosecutor's office and as law clerk for a judge.

### ERIE COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Oct. 3 ordered **Joseph James D'Alba** suspended for one year, with Justice Seamus P. McCaffery dissenting. The Disciplinary Board had recommended a three-month suspension, retroactive to Nov. 13, 2009, the date on which the court referred D'Alba's conviction for indirect criminal contempt to the board for disciplinary action. The disciplinary report said the contempt conviction stemmed from a violation of a protection from abuse order. The board recommended a three-month suspension, saying the crime for which he was convicted was "not categorized as a 'serious crime.'"

### OUT OF STATE

The Supreme Court on Aug. 25 ordered **Bernard Lambert** of Florham Park, N.J., suspended for three years, retroactive to May 23, 2011, 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, Lambert was permanently disbarred on consent by the Supreme Court of New Jersey after a random audit conducted by the New Jersey Office of

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Attorney Ethics determined that his IOLTA account had not been properly reconciled and was more than \$100,000 short.

#### DISBARMENTS ON CONSENT

The following attorney has been disbarred on consent under a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to resignations by attorneys who are being investigated for allegations of misconduct: **James F. McBride**, Philadelphia, on Aug. 25.

#### RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has imposed reciprocal discipline on the following attorneys: **James Earl Conley III** of Live Oak, Texas, disbarred, on Sept. 8, retroactive to Nov. 28, 2001, for like discipline ordered by the Board of Disciplinary Appeals Appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas; and **Kurt D. Mitchell** of Palmetto, Fla., suspended for 10 days, on Sept. 26, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of Florida.

#### TEMPORARY SUSPENSION — RULE 214(d)(1)

The following attorney has been placed on temporary suspension under a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to attorneys convicted of serious crimes: **James C. Kuhn III**, Allegheny County, on Sept. 26.

#### REINSTATEMENTS

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#### OUT OF STATE

The Supreme Court on Sept. 19 ordered **Karim J. Tannous**, aka **Karim John Tannous**, aka **K. John Tannous** of Lakewood, Colo., to resume administrative suspension, from a 30-day suspension ordered April 15, 2011.

#### ERIE COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Sept. 26 granted a petition for the reinstatement of **Barry Franklin Levine**, from a five-year suspension ordered April 27, 2005, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. ♦

## Three-Minute Quiz on Alcohol & Drugs

Look for the symptoms you are experiencing in the list below and check those that apply.



- Have you ever felt you should cut down on your drinking and/or drug use?
- Have people annoyed you by criticizing your drinking and/or drug use?
- Have you ever felt guilty about your drinking and/or drug use?
- Have you ever had a drink or other drug upon rising to steady your nerves or get rid of a hangover?
- Have you ever broken a promise to reduce your drinking and/or drug use or to quit altogether?
- Has drinking and/or the use of other drugs interfered with your work, relationships or other commitments?
- Have you ever lied to cover up your drinking and/or drug use?
- Are you drinking and/or using drugs during the workday?
- Are you coming to work after a long night of drinking and/or using drugs and then counting the hours until the end of the workday to have a drink and/or use drugs again?

Exhibiting three or more of these symptoms suggests that you may have a problem with alcohol and/or drugs.

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