



**PUBLIC DISCIPLINE**

June 21 through Aug. 18, 2011

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

The Supreme Court on Aug. 17 ordered **Matthew J. Eshelman** suspended for three years, as recommended by a majority of the Disciplinary Board. One member of the board dissented in favor of a five-year suspension. According to the disciplinary report, “The evidence presented at [Eshelman’s] hearing, including [his] answer to the petition, amply supports our conclusion that [Eshelman] violated the Rules of Professional Conduct in ... 17 [client] matters. ...” The report said the “first broad area of misconduct amounted to a general neglect of his clients,” including failure to proceed with diligence and promptness, failure to keep clients reasonably informed, failure to

comply promptly with reasonable requests for information, failure to surrender papers and property, and failure to provide competent representation. The report added that the “second broad area of misconduct related to his treatment and handling of legal fees,” including failure to deposit fees and expenses paid in advance into his trust account and failure to return unearned fees. The report said Eshelman had been “a competent and productive lawyer” but had “reacted to the pressures of practice as well as the pressures of a troubled home life by retreating into a world of computer and video games. ...”

**LUZERNE COUNTY**

The Supreme Court on July 20 ordered **Lisa Anne Welkey** suspended for three years, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, “The record demonstrates that [Welkey’s] misconduct began in December 2002, when [she] failed to inform her clients ... of her receipt of their settlement proceeds. The misconduct continued throughout at least 2008, when [Welkey] promised to provide an accounting to [another client] yet failed to do so. ... In the intervening years, [Welkey’s] trust account was out of trust and she misused the funds of other clients. ...” The report said she also made misrepresentations to clients “when she failed to disclose that their suit had been dismissed and told them they still had a viable remedy in another jurisdiction.”

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

The Supreme Court on June 28 ordered **Frank H. Morgan Jr.** disbarred on consent, retroactive to July 19, 2010, the date of his temporary suspension. According to his resignation, Morgan pled guilty to one count of dealing in the proceeds of unlawful activities and was also charged with one count each of theft by unlawful taking and theft by failure to make required disposition and two counts of misapplication of entrusted property. Morgan acknowledged that “the material facts upon which the criminal charges are

based are true.”

The court on July 12 ordered **Marc Alan Weinberg** subjected to public censure on consent, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the joint petition in support of discipline, Weinberg was sanctioned for failing to show up for a court-ordered deposition without seeking court permission to reschedule.

**OUT OF STATE**

The Supreme Court on July 12 ordered **Robert Turnbull Hall**, Princeton, N.J., suspended on consent for two years, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the joint petition in support of discipline, Hall either answered untruthfully or failed to disclose arrest information in his application for the bar exam. The omissions included an arrest for marijuana possession in Virginia and his subsequent failure to comply with an order to participate in a drug education program.

The court on Aug. 11 ordered **Timothy Shawn Gordon** of Hagerstown, Md., suspended for one year, then stayed the suspension and placed Gordon on probation for one year, subject to conditions that he continue in treatment with a health care professional, take prescribed medications and engage in therapy and counseling sessions, as recommended by a majority of the Disciplinary Board. Two members of the board dissented in favor of a three-month suspension. According to the disciplinary report, “[Gordon] failed to timely have his Maryland CLE credits applied to his Pennsylvania CLE requirements and failed to address this issue when contacted on three occasions by the CLE Board and on one occasion by the Disciplinary Board.” Gordon was placed on inactive status as a result but “continued to practice law in Pennsylvania.”

The court on Aug. 17 ordered **Carol Chandler** of Princeton, N.J., suspended for one year and one day, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. The disciplinary report said Chandler failed to respond to a petition for discipline that

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charged her with “neglect, failure to communicate, failure to refund unearned fees and failure to turn over files,” adding that “[h]er failure to timely deny any of the allegations ... requires that the factual allegations in the petition be deemed admitted.”

**PHILADELPHIA**

The Supreme Court on June 28 ordered **Jeffrey Stephen Pearson** suspended for 20 months, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Pearson “actively assisted” a suspended attorney, who was later disbarred, in practicing law over a two-year period until Pearson was placed on temporary suspension.

The court on Aug. 17 ordered **Maurice L. White Jr.** disbarred on consent, retroactive to March 24, 2011, the date of his temporary suspension. According to his resignation, White pled guilty to theft by unlawful taking or disposition and theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received in connection with his handling of a trust fund for a minor.

**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: **Glori Alisha Kasner**, Montgomery County, on June 28; **William E. Buchko**, Beaver County, on Aug. 2; and **John L. Chaffo Jr.**, Allegheny County, on Aug. 17.

**RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE**

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has imposed reciprocal discipline on the following attorneys: **David Keith Burgess**, Gaithersburg, Md., disbarred, on July 6, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of California; **Anita C. Ogbuji**, aka **Anita C. Kanu**, aka **Anita C. Justin**, Phoenix, Ariz., disbarred, on July 12, for like discipline imposed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; **Richard G. Solomon**, Ijamsville, Md., disbarred, on July 12, for disbarment on consent ordered by the Court of Appeals of Maryland; **Chet Williams III**, Los Angeles, Calif., disbarred, on July 12, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of California; **Martin Bernard Brown**, Baltimore, Md., suspended for 90 days, on July 20, for like discipline imposed by the Court of Appeals of Maryland; **Neal Sharma**, Hamilton, N.J., suspended for six months, on July 20, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey; and **Parrish Blake Stanton**, Nashville, Tenn., suspended for 18 months, on Aug. 2, for like discipline

imposed by the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

**REINSTATEMENTS**


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The Supreme Court has granted petitions for reinstatement filed by the following: **Thomas Joseph Coleman III**, Moorestown, N.J., from a two-year suspension ordered April 19, 2005, on July 6, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board; **Rhonda McCullough Anderson**, Philadelphia, from a five-year suspension ordered Feb. 23, 2007, retroactive to Oct. 15, 2004, on Aug. 2, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board, with Justice Seamus P. McCaffery dissenting; **John Gabriel DiLeonardo**, Dauphin County, from disbarment on consent ordered June 15, 1999, on Aug. 2, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board, with Justice Seamus P. McCaffery dissenting; and **Robert Bruce Manchester**, Centre County, from a three-month suspension dated March 17, 2011, on Aug. 4.

The Supreme Court has denied a petition for reinstatement filed by the following: **Frederick C. Sturm III**, Philadelphia, from disbarment on consent on Oct. 18, 1982, on July 6, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. ♦

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