



## PUBLIC DISCIPLINE

### April 19 through June 20

#### CHESTER COUNTY

The Supreme Court on April 28 ordered **Paul Wayne Shoup Jr.** disbarred on consent, retroactive to Dec. 15, 2008, the date of his temporary suspension. According to the petition for discipline, Shoup, while working for a tax consulting firm, diverted more than \$503,000 in Montgomery County, Md., property tax refund checks to his personal use.

#### DAUPHIN COUNTY

The Supreme Court on May 4 denied a petition by **Peter Paul Beill** for reinstatement from inactive status and ordered him suspended for three years, retroactive to May 26, 2009, the date of his petition for reinstatement, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, the case involved misconduct arising from a criminal conviction that came to light as a voluntary disclosure when he sought reinstatement. Beill was transferred to inactive status in 2003 for failure to comply with continuing legal education requirements. The report said Beill pleaded no contest to the sale or transfer of a firearm in Blair County in 2004 after purchasing nine handguns and giving one to a known drug dealer.

#### LACKAWANNA COUNTY

The Supreme Court on May 4 ordered **Michael J. Marrazzo** disbarred on consent. According to the petition for discipline, Marrazzo mishandled and failed to complete the administration of an estate, failed to provide an accounting of funds, commingled funds and collected excessive

fees. In connection with a divorce representation, according to the petition, Marrazzo failed to keep the client informed, failed to identify any work that was done, lost or retained the client's papers and failed to refund the client's full retainer.

#### PHILADELPHIA

The Supreme Court on April 28 ordered **Ann Adele Ruben** suspended on consent for one year and one day, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the joint petition in support of discipline, Ruben failed to file, finalize or follow through on immigration cases on behalf of foreign employees at multiple U.S. companies and then misrepresented the status of those cases.

The court on April 28 ordered **Scott DiClaudio** suspended for three months, stayed the suspension and placed him on probation for one year with conditions, including ongoing monitoring. The Disciplinary Board recommended a stayed suspension of six months and probation for two years, with conditions. Justice Max Baer dissented in favor of the Disciplinary Board's recommendation. According to the disciplinary report, DiClaudio failed to file an appellate brief on behalf of a client and failed to inform the client that the appeal had been dismissed as a result.

The court on June 1 ordered **H. Allen Litt** disbarred on consent, retroactive to March 30, 2009, the date of his temporary suspension. Litt was found guilty on Feb. 6, 2009, of one count of dealing in proceeds of unlawful activity with intent to promote, six counts of theft by deception, five counts of attempted theft by deception and six counts of insurance fraud.

The court on June 10 ordered **Marvin F. Galfand** disbarred and his wife, **Myrna W. Galfand**, suspended for one year and one day, both as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report for Marvin Galfand, he continued practicing law after having been suspended in 2006 and denied rein-

statement in 2008. The report for Ms. Galfand said she defied the court's order suspending her husband by "assisting in his unauthorized practice of law." The reports said, "As law partners for many years, they held themselves out as Galfand & Galfand. This continued to be the case following [Marvin Galfand's] suspension. Ms. Galfand's use of the law firm name became false and misleading. Nevertheless, she continued to use the law firm name. ... [Marvin Galfand] was aware the firm name of Galfand & Galfand was still being used as he was answering the telephone and working for his wife."

#### POTTER COUNTY

The Supreme Court on May 4, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board, suspended **Jarett Rand Smith** on consent for one year and one day, stayed the suspension and placed him on probation for three years, with conditions, including that he undergo a mental health evaluation and comply with any treatment recommendations. According to the joint petition for discipline, Smith made a false representation to a judge in a McKean County proceeding, was held in contempt for creating "chaos" in a case in Potter County, was held in contempt for failing to explain why he didn't appear for a proceeding in Bradford County, was cited for contempt in a Seneca Nation tribunal for characterizing it as a "circus side show" and was cited for contempt in Potter County for failing to show up for a hearing.

#### WESTMORELAND COUNTY

The Supreme Court on May 16 ordered **James Barnett Gefsky** suspended for five years, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. The disciplinary report said Gefsky's practice was in a "state of disarray" and that he "spent for his own benefit approximately \$75,000 that belonged to two of his clients." The report said Gefsky sought "to use his lack of organizational skills as an excuse for his bad behavior, but this does not in any way justify his misappropriation of entrusted funds or his misrepresentations to his clients."

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The court on May 23 ordered **Robert Louis Frey Jr.** suspended on consent for three years, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the joint petition in support of discipline, Frey “accepted a fee from a client, failed to do the work for which he was retained, commingled funds entrusted to him with personal funds, indiscriminately used those funds and failed to return the money when requested to do so.” The petition said the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security awarded the client a claim for \$15,000, for which Frey has not reimbursed the fund.

## 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: **Sabrina L. Spetz**, Allegheny County, on May 4; and **Richard Kenneth Creamer**, Philadelphia, on June 1.

## 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: **Bernard Lambert**, Florham Park, N.J., on May 23.

## RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has imposed reciprocal discipline on the following attorneys: **Andrew J. Brekus**, Delaware County, suspended for one year, on June 1, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey; **Henry A. Walsh Jr.**, Lincoln, Neb., disbarred, on June 1, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey; **James Wendell Beane Jr.**, New Orleans, La., suspended for six months, on June 10, for like discipline imposed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; and **Gary Peter Levin**, Northfield, N.J., disbarred,

on June 10, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

## TRANSFERS TO INACTIVE STATUS April 19 through June 20

The following attorney has been transferred to inactive status in connection with two sections of disciplinary enforcement Rule 301, one pertaining to attorneys who have been judicially declared incapacitated or involuntarily committed on the grounds of incapacity or severe mental disability and the other pertaining to attorneys who, during the course of a disciplinary proceeding, contend they are suffering from a disability by reason of mental or physical infirmity or illness, or because of addiction to drugs or intoxicants, which makes it impossible for them to prepare an adequate defense: **Chester T. Cyzio**, Philadelphia, on June 10.

## REINSTATEMENTS April 19 through June 20

The Supreme Court has approved a petition for reinstatement program filed by the following: **Joseph S. Schuchert Jr.**, Allegheny County, on May 16, from a suspension ordered by the court on Feb. 5, 1973. ♦

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