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### PUBLIC DISCIPLINE

JULY 1 THROUGH AUG. 31, 2005

#### **Chester County**

The Supreme Court on July 22 ordered **Delancey W. Davis** suspended for one year and one day, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Davis represented a client in three lawsuits while he was on inactive status for not having paid his annual fee.

#### **Philadelphia**

The Supreme Court on July 22 ordered **Stephen W. Simpson** suspended for two years, as recommended by a majority of the Disciplinary Board. One member of the board dissented in favor of a three-year suspension. The disciplinary report said Simpson handled about 100 legal matters in a four-year period after having been placed on inactive status for not having completed his continuing legal education requirements and not having paid his annual fee. The report said he also commingled personal and client funds and issued 25 bad checks.

The court on Aug. 3 denied a petition to reinstate **David Ferleger** from inactive status and in addition suspended him for one year and one day, as recommended by a majority of the Disciplinary Board. Two board members dissented in favor of a two-year suspension. According to the disciplinary report, Ferleger was transferred to inactive status for failure to complete his continuing legal education credits but served as counsel of record in five court cases while on inactive status.

The court on Aug. 10 ordered **Arthur Joseph Werner** suspended for one year and one day, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. The disciplinary report said, "This case presents an example of an attorney who, after finding himself in a situation of neglecting his professional responsibilities to a single client, made the situation exponentially worse by actively misleading disciplinary counsel as to purported remedial measures."

The court on Aug. 30 ordered **Alex Hugues Pierre** suspended for three years. The majority of the Disciplinary Board recommended a suspension of two years. Four members dissented in favor of a three-year suspension, and one member dissented in favor of a five-year suspension. According to the disciplinary report, Pierre's misconduct "involved not only the complete mishandling of his clients' matters, but deception toward [one of his clients] and opposing counsel." The report added that he "dishonestly attempted to resolve the problems and cover his tracks" and also engaged in unauthorized practice while on inactive status.

The court on Aug. 30 ordered **Howard Goldman** suspended for a year and a day, as recommended by a majority of the Disciplinary Board. One board member dissented in favor of a one-year suspension; another member dissented in favor of a two-year suspension. The disciplinary report said that in three domestic matters and a post-conviction criminal proceeding, Goldman "failed to act diligently and neglected to communicate with his clients." In two of the matters, the report added, he "misrepresented the status of the case and the work he had done."

#### **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: **Charles Kushner**, out of state, on July 12; **Benjamin H. Claar Jr.**, Blair County, on July 12; and **Paul G. Moyer**, Montgomery County, on July 15.

#### **Reciprocal Discipline**

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has imposed reciprocal discipline on the following attorneys: **Ronald Allen Brown**, out of state, disbarred, on July 12, for like discipline imposed by the Court of Appeals of Maryland; **James Grafton Gore Jr.**, out of state, disbarred, on July 12, for like discipline imposed by the Court of Appeals of Maryland; **Joe Carl Ashworth**, out of state, disbarred, on July 15, for like discipline imposed by the Court of Appeals of Maryland; **Navron Ponds**, out of state, disbarred, on Aug. 3, for like discipline imposed by the Court of Appeals of Maryland; and **E. Nkem Odinkemere**, out of state, disbarred, on Aug. 25, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

**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: **Ashly Mae Wisher**, out of state, on Aug. 3.

**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: **Edward J. Daly**, Philadelphia, on Aug. 25.

**REINSTATEMENTS  
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The Supreme Court has approved the reinstatement of the following individuals: **Larrick B. Stapleton**, Philadelphia, from disbarment on consent, on July 12, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board; **Marlene Evelyn Joseph**, Philadelphia, from disbarment on consent, on July 15, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board; and **Kenneth S. Barish Jr.**, Allegheny County, from disbarment on consent, on Aug. 25, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board.