



*The*  
**DISCIPLINARY BOARD**  
*of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania*

**RESEARCH TIPS  
FOR ONLINE KEYWORD SEARCHES**

These tips are designed to assist users in researching Disciplinary Board opinions. All of the Board's recent opinions can be found on the Supreme Court's Website at: [www.pacourts.us/courts/supreme-court/committees/supreme-court-boards/disciplinary-board-opinions/](http://www.pacourts.us/courts/supreme-court/committees/supreme-court-boards/disciplinary-board-opinions/).

On the initial screen there is a choice of search modes: Board docket number, Supreme Court docket number, keywords, and/or date. If you choose to search by keyword, you may search using terms and phrases. Listed below are topics and common search terms to enable faster access to relevant cases. This is not an exhaustive list, but covers the basic concepts found in the opinions. General terms, such as suspension, disbarment, public censure, public reprimand, private reprimand, and informal admonition, can always be used to get the broadest variety of cases. The following keywords may be useful in such a search:

**AGGRAVATING FACTORS**

Abandoned Law Practice  
Attorney Registration  
Cavalier Attitude  
Disregard for Disciplinary Proceedings  
District Attorney  
Failure to Accept Responsibility  
Failure to Appear  
Failure to Comply  
Failure to Cooperate with ODC  
Failure to Disclose  
Failure to File Statement of Compliance  
Failure to Present Character Evidence  
Failure to Produce Records  
Failure to Report Conviction  
Failure to Respond to ODC  
Judge  
Judgments and Liens  
Judicial Candidate

Judicial Officer  
Lack of Candor  
Lack of Cooperation  
Lack of Credibility  
Lack of Remorse  
Misrepresentation to Hearing Committee  
Prior Arrests  
Prior Discipline  
Prosecutor  
Public Official  
Wasted Resources

**BRAUN**

ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder)  
Addiction  
Alcohol  
Bipolar Disorder  
Causal Connection

Cocaine  
Depressive Disorder  
Disability-General  
Expert Witness  
Fitness  
Practice Monitor  
Probation  
Psychological Problems  
Tribunal  
Unfit to Practice

#### **CLIENT FUNDS**

Commingling  
Conversion  
Converted Trust Funds  
Dishonest Conduct  
Estate Funds for Personal Use  
Excessive Fees  
Fiscal Irresponsibility  
Inadequate Record Keeping  
Misappropriation  
Mismanagement of Client Funds  
Mismanagement of IOLTA Account  
Prohibited Financial Dealings  
Recordkeeping  
Safeguard Fiduciary Funds  
Self-Dealing  
Unearned Fees

#### **CLIENT NEGLECT**

Abandoned Clients  
Breach of Duty  
Failure to Communicate  
Failure to File a Complaint  
Failure to Keep Client Informed  
Failure to Keep Required Records  
Failure to Provide Written Fee Agreement  
Failure to Return Files  
False Statements  
Filed in Incorrect Court  
Incompetence  
Lack of Competent Representation  
Lack of Diligence  
Misrepresentation  
Neglect  
Prejudicial to the Administration of Justice

Professional Liability Insurance  
Prompt Distribution  
Unearned Fees

#### **CRIMINAL CONVICTION**

Abuse  
Access Device Fraud  
Accessory After the Fact  
Aiding and Abetting  
Arson  
Assault  
Attempted Murder  
Bribery  
Burglary  
Child Pornography  
Civil Rights  
Conspiracy  
Contempt  
Controlled Substance  
Corruption of Minors  
Criminal Conduct  
Criminal Convictions  
Criminal Mischief  
Disorderly Conduct  
DUI/DWI  
Drug Paraphernalia  
Embezzlement  
Failure to File Tax Returns  
False Campaign Reports  
False Reports  
False Statements  
Forgery  
Fraud  
Gambling  
Harassment  
Homicide by Vehicle  
Income Tax  
Indecent Assault  
Insider Trading  
Kids for Cash  
Leaving Scene of an Accident  
Marijuana  
Mail Fraud  
Misleading  
Misprision of Felony  
Money Laundering  
Mutilation of Government Records

Passport Fraud  
Pension Fund Fraud  
Perjury  
Political Corruption  
Pornography  
Possession with Intent to Deliver  
Promoting Prostitution  
Racketeering  
Receiving Stolen Property  
Recklessly Endangering  
Retail Theft  
Sexual Abuse  
Solicitation  
Statutory Sexual Assault  
Tax Evasion  
Theft  
Trespassing  
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle  
Unlawful Campaign Contributions  
Wire Fraud  
Witness Tampering

#### **DISCIPLINE**

Concurrent  
Condition  
Consecutive  
Deterrence  
Retroactive

#### **MITIGATING FACTORS**

Acceptance of Responsibility  
Admission of Wrongdoing  
Belated Cooperation  
*Braun*  
Causal Connection  
Character Witness  
Community Activities  
Cooperation  
Isolated Incident  
No Prior Discipline  
Remorse  
Reputation  
Restitution  
Self-Reported  
Therapy  
Unintentional Violation

#### **PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Advertising  
Altered Records  
Attorney Registration  
Bankruptcy  
Bar Application  
Civil Rights  
Collateral Estoppel  
Communication  
Confidentiality  
Conflict of Interest  
Contempt  
Court Orders  
Deceit  
Declining/Terminating Representation  
Disgorge Fee  
Dishonesty  
Disrupt  
Ethical Violations  
Ex Parte  
Fabricated Documents  
Failure to Pay Withheld Employment Taxes  
Failure to Recuse  
Failure to Supervise  
Fee Agreement  
Fee Dispute  
Filed Meritless Civil Action  
Fivolous Pleadings  
Immigration  
Inappropriate Communications  
Independent Contractors  
Ineffective Assistance of Counsel  
Intentional Prevarication  
Intimidation  
Law Firm  
Meritorious Claims  
Misconduct  
Nonlawyer Employee  
Operating Account  
Outstanding Debts  
Pervasive Misconduct  
Practice in Federal Court  
Prejudicial to Bar Admission Assessment  
Seeking to Influence a Judge  
Sexual Contact with a Client  
Social Media  
Support  
Tribunal

Unwanted and Inappropriate Advances  
Written Agreement

## **REINSTATEMENT**

Burden  
Burden Not Met  
Community Service  
Community Support  
Competence  
Disbarment  
Expert Opinion  
Failure to Make Restitution  
False Testimony  
Financial Problems  
Fitness to Practice  
Forever Barred From Practice  
Insufficient Rehabilitation  
Insufficient Time Passed  
Judgments and Liens  
*Keller*  
Lack of Moral Qualifications  
Learning in the Law  
Moral Qualifications  
Omissions  
Rehabilitation  
Ruling Reversed  
Sobriety Monitor  
Suspension  
Violation of Probation

## **UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW**

Administrative Suspension  
Corporate Counsel  
Inactive Status  
Letterhead  
Nameplate  
Non-Lawyer Entity  
Practice in Federal Court  
Sharing Legal Fees

# Disciplinary Board Opinions

## Search Opinions and Postings from Appellate Courts

The following search can be used to find specific text content within the posted opinions.

COURT TYPE

Disciplinary Board ▼

SEARCH OPINIONS CONTENT



OR

## Filter Court Postings from Appellate Courts and the Disciplinary Board

The following search can be used to find specific opinions and postings based on search criteria you select below.

COURT TYPE

Disciplinary Board ▼

COURT DOCKET NUMBER

BOARD DOCKET NUMBER

KEYWORDS

DATE RANGE



MONTH

All Months ▼

YEAR

Select Year ▼

SEARCH

CLEAR

**Note:** Keywords can only be searched one at a time. Using a partial keyword (e.g. “Responsibility” instead of “Acceptance of Responsibility”) will yield all matters which include that word.