



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/.

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 Civility
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
Failure to Account
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 File Brief
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
Identity Theft
Income Tax
Indecent Assault
Insider Trading
Kids for Cash
Leaving Scene of an Accident
Mail Fraud
Manslaughter
Marijuana
Misleading
Misprision of Felony
Money Laundering
Murder
Mutilation of Government Records
Passport Fraud
Pension Fund Fraud
Perjury
Political Corruption
Pornography
Possession with Intent to Deliver

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Promoting Prostitution
Racketeering
Receiving Stolen Property
Recklessly Endangering
Retail Theft
Robbery
Sexual Abuse
Solicitation
Stalking
Statutory Sexual Assault
Tax Evasion
Theft
Threat
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
Remediation
Remorse
Reputation
Restitution
Self-Reported
Therapy
Unintentional Violation

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Advertising
Altered Records

Attorney Registration
Bankruptcy
Bar Application
Civil Rights
Collateral Estoppel
Communication
Concealment
Confidentiality
Conflict of Interest
Contempt
Court Orders
Deceit
Declining/Terminating Representation
Disgorge Fee
Dishonesty
Disrupt
Disruptive Conduct
Ethical Violations
Ex Parte
Expediting Litigation
Fabricated Documents
Failure to List BOA
Failure to Pay Withheld Employment Taxes
Failure to Recuse
Failure to Supervise
Fee Agreement
Fee Dispute
Filed Meritless Civil Action
Former Client
Frivolous Pleadings
Hostile
Immigration
Inappropriate Communications
Independent Contractors
Ineffective Assistance of Counsel
Intentional Prevarication
Intimidation
Law Firm
Letterhead
Meritorious Claims
Misconduct
Misuse of Rules
Nameplate
Nonlawyer Employee
Non-Lawyer Entity
Operating Account
Outstanding Debts
Pervasive Misconduct

Practice in Federal Court
Prejudicial to Bar Admission Assessment
Sanctions
Sharing Legal Fees
Seeking to Influence a Judge
Sexual Contact with a Client
Social Media
Subpoena
Support
Tribunal
Unwanted and Inappropriate Advances
Written Agreement

REINSTATEMENT

Burden
Burden Not Met
Community Service
Community Support
Competence
Conduct During Suspension Period
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