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Introduction

The Committee on Professional Discipline is pleased to issue this latest report on the state of attorney discipline in New York. This report is a compilation of statistics provided by the grievance committees appointed by the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court and county bar association grievance committees. To our knowledge, this is the only publication which compiles disciplinary statistics on a statewide basis. We would like to express our gratitude to these groups for their assistance and cooperation in the preparation of this report.

I would like to share with you some of our Committee's past and current activities. In May of 1989, our Committee sponsored a Seminar on Grievance Procedures for County Bar Association Grievance Committees. Co-chaired by Committee member Lee Cross and myself, the seminar covered topics such as grievance procedure at the Appellate Division and county bar association levels, substantive grievance law (concentrating on the handling of complaints of neglect and failure to cooperate), and the resolution of disputes between attorneys and their clients. The seminar was well attended by staff members of the disciplinary agencies, members of county bar association grievance committees, and practitioners interested in the grievance process. Those who attended were afforded an excellent opportunity to compare procedures utilized by various committees, along with problems encountered by committees and the means of dealing with these problems. Our Committee was extremely pleased with the program and the response to it, and we look forward to presenting a new seminar in the spring of 1990. If you have any topics on grievance procedures or the attorney disciplinary system in general which you would like to have covered in a future seminar, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Please send ideas and suggestions to my attention at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, 7 Hanover Square, New York, New York 10004.

In other activity, the Committee is continuing to monitor the development of what has become a pilot program for the random audit of attorney trust accounts in the First Department. At the time of this writing, the funding for this program has not yet been provided; however, it is anticipated that an agreement regarding funding will be reached in the near future, and that the Appellate Division will implement the pilot program shortly thereafter. We are highly interested in evaluating the efficacy of a random audit program and, if need be, offering suggestions for the improvement of such a program.

The Committee also will be reviewing suggestions that New York State implement a centralized disciplinary system under the aegis of the Court of Appeals. This recommendation was originally made in 1982 by the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Professional Discipline, and recently was renewed by a panel of justices of the Appellate Division, First Department. In 1985, after a thorough analysis of both the ABA evaluation and its own examination of New York's disciplinary system, our Committee rejected this recommendation. Instead, we recommended that the current division of disciplinary matters among the four departments be retained, but with uniform standards and operating procedures and the formation of a statewide disciplinary coordinating board. These recommendations were approved by the Association's House of Delegates in June 1985. During the coming year, we plan to review the 1985 report and recommendations and determine whether an update is warranted.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Benjamin Greshin, for his three years of service as chair of the Committee. Under his leadership, the Committee has been an active force in New York disciplinary matters, and I have been fortunate to have inherited a Committee which is eager to work on a variety of issues of interest to the Association and the profession in general. I look forward to working with the Committee and serving the Association in the coming year.

Martin Minkowitz Chair

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Explanation of Disciplinary Statistics for the Year 1988

In maintaining records of professional discipline in this state the practice has been to consider each complaint as an "inquiry." When it appears that the "inquiry" does not allege conduct which, even if true, would constitute professional misconduct, it is "Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint." Otherwise, it is a "matter" which is then investigated. Frequently several "matters" will involve the same attorney and all matters involving that attorney are considered one "case." The committees record each "matter" separately. However, when the committees receive several "matters" against the same attorney and, with the approval of the court, commence a disciplinary proceeding against that attorney based on the several "matters," it is then recorded as a single "case." Thus, a "case" may involve multiple "matters" or complaints.

A proper appreciation of the workload of the disciplinary committees can be had only if the total number of "matters pending" is added to the total number of "cases pending." The "cases," which are fully litigated proceedings, are a very large part of the work of the professional staff.

The multiplicity of disciplinary committees results in each committee receiving a substantial number of complaints which fall within the jurisdiction of other committees and which then must be referred to the proper committee. In the Second Department, complaints received by county bar association grievance committees are referred to the district grievance committee. The district grievance committee, in turn, refers some complaints to the county bar association grievance committees for investigation and processing. Such complaints would be reported by the district committee as both "new matters received" and "referred to other disciplinary committees."

The statistics of the Second Department are the totals of the reports of the court appointed district committees, which include the reports of the county bar association's grievance committees. The reports of the district committees and of each of the local bar association's grievance committees are separately reproduced. In the Tenth Judicial District the grievance committees of the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations only investigate the minor complaints and then report them to the district committee which makes the disposition, and the cases processed by them are incorporated

in the report of the Tenth District Grievance Committee. In the Fourth Department a substantial number of minor complaints are processed by the local bar associations and in the Third Department a much lesser number are processed locally, but no separate reports are available for the local activity.

As a final note, this report is not simply that of the Committee on Professional Discipline of the New York State Bar Association, but is equally that of the eight disciplinary committees, their chief counsels and staffs, and the grievance committees of county bar associations. They have compiled much of the information contained herein. If this report is of value and interest to those who read it, the credit must go to those dedicated people, not only for their assistance in its compilation, but also for their substantial contribution to the legal profession.

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Disciplinary Statistics 1988 Tables Table 1 Appellate Division (January 1, 1988 - December 31, 1988)

		1st Dept.	2d Dept.	3d Dept.	4th Dept.	Total
ľ	MATTERS PROCESSED:1					
	Pending at start of period	1139	1940	351	1441	4871
	New matters received ²	5219	4659	1134	2812	13824
		5087	4589	980	2834	13490
	Matters disposed of Pending at end of period	1271	2010	505	1419	5205
	Tending at end of period				·	
п.	COMMITTEE DISPOSITIONS:					
٠.	Rejected for failing to state complaint	565	1457	631	1380	4033
	Referred to other agencies ³	206	1540	55	181	1980
	Dismissed or withdrawn	1371	1059	163	1211	3804
	Letters of caution	23	137	76	13	249
	Letters of admonition	62	102	16	21	201
	Admonition or reprimand	1	8	3	N/A	12
	Referred to court	74	286	36	28	424
	Other	2785	0	0	0	2785
	TOTAL DISPOSED OF:	5087	4589	980	2834	13490
III.	CASES PROCESSED IN COURTS:					
	5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	60	169	14	9	252
	Cases pending at start of period ⁴ Cases received	76	122	26	20	244
	CASES CLOSED:					
	Disbarred	14	30	4	5	53
	Resigned	7	14	0	5	26
	Suspended	22	28	14	4	68
	Censured	2	8	2	1	13
	Censured privately	0	0	0	. 0	0 9
	Remanded to Grievance Committee	0	3	6	0	12
	Reinstatements granted	6	3	3	0	9
	Reinstatements denied	2	7	0	2	12
	Discontinued	1	7	2	2	4
	Dismissed	1	1 32	0	1	53
	All other dispositions	20	32	-	_	
	TOTAL CLOSED:	75	133	30	20	258
	TOTAL PENDING:	61	158	10	9	238

 [&]quot;Matters" refers to the number of complaints, not of attorneys.
 This includes complaints received and reactivated.
 This includes matters referred to other disciplinary committees and other agencies.

⁴ Number of attorneys, not number of complaints.

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Table 2

	New Matters*	Matters Closed	Disciplinary Action by Committees	Disciplinary Action by Court
1st Department				
1979	2170	2890	184	39
1980	2197	2436	145	16
1981	1994	2176	170	29
1982	2681	2788	127	43
1983	2547	2511	152	72
1984	3011	2693	123	39
1985	2869	2867	198	41 .
1986	2477	2838	194	38
1987	2328	2111	94	56
1988	4996	5087	86	45
2nd Department			454	417
1979	1953	1976	174	47 10
1980	1735	1853	157	19 41
1981	2237	2048	209	61 41
1982	2188	2210	169	41
1983	2204	1970	187	79 61
1984	2646	2702	269	61
1985	2990	2966	290	64 26
1986	3452	3064	264	36 40
1987	3325	3465	282	49 80
1988	3119	3049	247	80
3rd Department				
⁻ 1979	576	633	<i>7</i> 3	11
1980	638	614	65	12
1981	679	7 01	71	14
1982	630	568	50	14
1983	760	<i>7</i> 50	<u>64</u>	14
1984	662	746	57	24
1985	950	794	71	12
1986	976	986	96	16
1987	979	983	96	16
1988	1079	925	95	20
4th Department	004	050	21	10
1979	924	958 1336		13
1980	1236	1226	22 33	12
1981	1341	1333	33 32	8
1982	1558	1510	32 30	15
1983	2171	2056 1004	30 26	5
1984	2083	1904	42 42	5
1985	2166	1934 1645	42 60	14
1986	1895 2181	1992	51	19
1987	2631	2653	34	14
1988	2001	2003	<i>5</i> 7	

These figures are reduced by the number of complaints referred to other committees for action.

Statewide	•		_	
1979	5623	6457	452	71
1980	5806	6129	389	60
1981	6251	6258	483	116
1982	7057	7076	746	106
1983	7682	7287	433	180
1984	8402 8975	8045	475	129
1985		8516	601	160 104
1986	8800	8310	614 523	104
1987	8813	8551	523	140 159
1988	11825	8929	462	159

Table 3

	New Matters*	Matters Closed	Disciplinary Action by Committees	Disciplinary Action by Court
Departmental Discip	linary Committ	ee for the First D	epartment	
1980	2197	2436	145	16
1981	1994	2176	170	29
1982	2681	2788	127	43
1983	2547	2511	152	72
1984	3011	2693	123	39
1985	2869	2867	198	41
1986	2477	2838	194	· 38
1987	2328	2111	94	56
1988	4996	5087	86	45
Grievance Committe	ee for the Second	l and Eleventh Ju	dicial Distriacts, Seco	ond Department
1980	375	401	45	O
1981	526	492	41	25
1982	557	571	45	16
1983	506	506	37	65
1984	519	453	49	24
1985	802	672	66	17
1986	867	716	55	6
1987	1019	916	56	18
1988	992	1017	92	33
Grievance Committe	ee for the Ninth	Judicial Distriact	t, Second Department	
1980	330	409	54	4
1981	486	403	63	18
1982	497	483	47	12
1983	443	470	64	6
1984	604	534	38	20
1985	567	612	40	11
1986	826	598	24	18
1987	829	894	41	10
1988	825	732	63	22
Grievance Committe	ee for the Tenth	Judicial District,	Second Department	_
1980	738	729	53	7
1981	811	821	93	18
1982	865	848	<i>7</i> 6	. 13
1983	962	7 53	70	8
1984	1180	1411	164	17
1985	1070	1156	173	20
1986	826	1138	173	9
1987	829	1355	169	21
1988	1302	1300	92	25

^{*}These figures are reduced by the number of complaints referred to other committee for action.

Committee on Professional Standards, Third Department					
1980	638	614	65	12	
1981	679	701	71	14	
1982	630	568	50	14	
1983	760	75 0	64	14	
1984	662	746	57	24	
1985	950	7 94	71	12	
1986	976	986	96	16	
1987	979	983	96	16	
1988	1079	925	95	20	
Grievance Commi	ttee for the Fifth Judi	cial Distriact, Fou	ırth Department		
1980	234	225	1	. 3	
1981	249	256	5	3	
1982	340	338	9	0	
1983	373	389	5	5	
1984	420	430	6	0	
1985	568	566	Ö	2	
1986	448	442	11	2 3	
1987	385	382	1	5	
1988	435	419	7	3	
Grievance Commi	ttee for the Seventh J	udicial Distriact,	Fourth Department		
1980	304	325	14	3	
1981	350	327	9	6	
1982	317	304	10	5	
1983	418	400	14	5	
1984	528	451	20	2	
1985	424	441	24	2	
1986	355			-	
	333	413	10	5	
1987	602	413 467		2 2 5 5	
1987 1988			10	5 5 7	
1988	602 571	467 535	10 14 12	7	
1988 Grievance Commi 1980	602 571 ittee for the Eighth Ju 698	467 535 dicial District, Fo 676	10 14 12 urth Department 7		
1988 Grievance Commi	602 571 ittee for the Eighth Ju 698 742	467 535 dicial District, Fo	10 14 12 urth Department	7	
1988 Grievance Commi 1980 1981 1982	602 571 ittee for the Eighth Ju 698 742 901	467 535 dicial District, Fo 676	10 14 12 urth Department 7	7	
1988 Grievance Commi 1980 1981 1982 1983	602 571 ittee for the Eighth Ju 698 742 901 1380	467 535 dicial District, Fo 676 750 868 1267	10 14 12 urth Department 7 19	7 3 3 3 5	
1988 Grievance Commi 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984	602 571 ittee for the Eighth Ju 698 742 901 1380 1136	467 535 dicial District, Fo 676 750 868	10 14 12 rurth Department 7 19 13	7 3 3 3 5 3	
1988 Grievance Commi 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985	602 571 ittee for the Eighth Ju 698 742 901 1380	467 535 dicial District, Fo 676 750 868 1267	10 14 12 rurth Department 7 19 13 8	7 3 3 3 5 3 1 1	
1988 Grievance Commi 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986	602 571 ittee for the Eighth Ju- 698 742 901 1380 1136 1174 1092	467 535 dicial District, Fo 676 750 868 1267 1024	10 14 12 Furth Department 7 19 13 8 0	7 3 3 5 3 1 1 6	
1988 Grievance Commi 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985	602 571 ittee for the Eighth Ju- 698 742 901 1380 1136 1174	467 535 dicial District, Fo 676 750 868 1267 1024 927	10 14 12 Furth Department 7 19 13 8 0	7 3 3 3 5 3 1 1	

Statistical Reports of Disciplinary Committees

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Departmental Disciplinary Committee for the First Department

I Matters Processed:*

L	Matters Processed:*		
	 A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 B. New Matters Received During Period C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period F. Reconciliation Adjustment G. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988 	1139 5202 17	6358 5068 19 1271
		CASES:	MATTERS:
Π.	Matters Disposed of By Committee		
	 A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees/Agencies C. Preliminary Investigations and Inquiries D. Dismissed E. Letter of Caution F. Letter of Admonition G. Reprimand After Hearing H. Referred to Appellate Division I. Total Disposed of During Period 	565 204 2766 1371 23 55 1 36 5021	565 204 2766 1371 23 62 1 74 5068
ш.	Cases Processed in All Courts:		
	 A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 Disciplinary Proceedings Other B. Cases Received During Period Disciplinary Proceedings Other C. Total To Be Processed During Period 	36 24 44 32	60 76 136
	D. Cases Closed 1. Disbarred** 2. Resigned 3. Suspended*** 4. Censured 5. Privately Censured 6. Remanded to Grievance Committee 7. Discontinued 8. Dismissed 9. Reinstatement Granted 10. Reinstatement Denied 11. All Other Dispositions 12. Total Closed E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 2. Other	33 28	14 7 22 2 0 0 1 1 6 2 20 75 61

^{*} For purposes of this Report, "Matters" represents the number of complaints, telephone calls which initiate an investigation, inquiries and *sua sponte* investigation, while "Cases" refers to the number of respondent-attorneys against whom proceedings have been instituted. As some attorneys are the subject of multiple complaints, the number of matters exceed the number of cases.

^{**} Admission revoked of one attorney.

^{***} Seven of the suspensions are interim suspensions.

Grievance Committee for the Second and Eleventh Judicial Districts of the Second Department

I Matters Processed:

	B. C. D. E.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 New Matters Received During Period Closed Matters Reactivated During Period Total Matters To Be Processed During Period Total Matters Disposed of During Period Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988	706 1597 30	2333 1652 681
			CASES:	MATTERS:
IL.	Ma	tters Disposed of by Committee:		
	B. C. D. E. F. G.	Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees Referred to Other Agencies Dismissed or Withdrawn Letter of Caution (or Education) Letter of Admonition Admonition (or Reprimand) Referred to Appellate Division Total Disposed of During Period	393 612 23 407 37 30 2 45 1549	393 612 23 407 45 40 7 125 1652
m.	Cas	ses Processed in All Courts:		
	A.	Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 2. Other	73 54 19	155 136 19
		Cases Received During Period Total To Be Processed During Period	49 122	140 295
	D.	Cases Closed 1. Disbarred 2. Resigned 3. Suspended 4. Censured 5. Privately Censured 6. Remanded to Grievance Committee 7. Discontinued 8. Dismissed 9. Reinstatement Granted 10. Reinstatement Denied 11. All Other Dispositions 12. Total Closed	17 5 9 2 0 0 0 3 3 9 48	44 26 14 3 0 0 0 0 3 3 3 9
	E.	Total Cases Pending at End of PeriodDisciplinary ProceedingsOther	74 54 20	193 173 20

Richmond County Bar Association Grievance Committee

Appellate Division, Second Department, Second and Eleventh Judicial Districts

L	Matte	ers Processed:	
	A. B. C. D. E. F.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 New Matters Received During Period Closed Matters Reactivated During Period Total Matters to be Processed During Period Total Matters Disposed of During Period Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988	17 49 1 67 49 18
IL.	Matte	ers Disposed of by Committee:	
	A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. I.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint Referred to District Disciplinary Committee Referred to Fee Conciliation Committee Judicially Settled In Litigation Closed by Appellate Division (Attorney Resigned) Referred to Commn. on Judicial Conduct Dismissed Letter of Caution Admonition Suspension Withdrawn Total Disposed of During Period	0 10 5 1 1 1 27 0 0 1 2 49
		County Bar Association Grievance Committee Division, Second Department, Second and Eleventh Judicial Districts	
L	Matt	ters Disposed of by Committee:	
	A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H.	Dismissals Cautions Advisements Admonitions Rejected Withdrawn Fee Dispute Committee Referred to District Disciplinary Committee Total Disposed of During Period	65 8 1 1 3 3 1 6 88
п.	Fee	Disputes Committee:	
	A. B.	Decisions Made Only Attorney Consented	8

Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District of the Second Department

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I	Matters Processed:		
	 A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 B. New Matters Received During Period C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988 	466 1241 19	1726 1167 559
		CASES:	MATTERS:
п.	Matters Disposed of by Committee:		
	 A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees C. Referred to Other Agencies D. Dismissed or Withdrawn E. Letter of Caution (or Education) 	• •	293 410 25 311
	 F. Letter of Admonition G. Admonition (or Reprimand) H. Referrd to Appellate Division I. Total Disposed of During Period 	35	33 30 0 65 1167
m.	Cases Processed in All Courts:		
	A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 19881. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	37 0	68 0
	B. Cases Received During Period1. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	35 0	65 · 0
	C. Total To Be Processed During PeriodD. Cases Closed	72	133
	 Disbarred Resigned Suspended Censured Privately Censured Remanded to Grievance Committee Discontinued Dismissed Reinstatement Granted Reinstatement Denied All Other Dispositions Total Closed 	9 1 12 0 0 1 5 0 0 1 7 36	24 1 29 0 0 1 6 0 0 1 7 6
	E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period1. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	36 0	64 0

Dutchess County Bar Association Grievance Committee

Appellate Division, Second Department, Ninth Judicial District

[.	Mati	ers Processed:	
	A.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988	3
	В.	New Matters Received During Period	27
	C.	Closed Matters Reactivated During Period	0
	D.	Total Matters to be Processed During Period	30
	E.	Total Matters Disposed of During Period	20
	F.	Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988	10
II.	Mat	ters Disposed of by Committee:	·
	A.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint	Q
	В.	Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees	ϵ
	C.	Referred to Other Agencies	(
	D.	Dismissed	13
	E	Dismissed with Cautionary Language	1
	F.	Letter of Caution	(
	G.	Letter of Admonition	(
	H.	Reprimand	(
	I.	Total Disposed of During Period	20
App L		e Division, Second Department, Ninth Judicial District	
		1 1 1 1000	24
	Α.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988	66
	В.	New Matters Received During Period	(
	C.	Closed Matters Reactivated During Period	90
	D.	Total Matters to be Processed During Period	4
	E. F.	Total Matters Disposed of During Period Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988	46
II.	Ma	tters Disposed of by Committee:	
	A.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint	!
	В.	Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	C.	Referred to Other Agencies (White Plains handling)	14
	D.	Dismissed	2.5
	E.	Dismissed with Cautionary Language	•
	F.	Letter of Caution	!
	G.	Letter of Admonition	
	H.	Reprimand	A
	Ŧ.	Total Disposed of During Period	4

Putnam County Bar Association Grievance Committee

Appellate Division, Second Department, Ninth Judicial District

I.	Matters Processed:			
	C. Closed Matters D. Total Matters to E. Total Matters D	g on Jan. 1, 1988 eceived During Period Reactivated During Period be Processed During Period isposed of During Period g on Dec. 31, 1988	11 13 13	
П.	Matters Disposed of by	y Committee:		
	B. Referred to Othe C. Referred to Othe D. Dismissed E. Dismissed with F. Letter of Caution G. Letter of Admo H. Reprimand	Cautionary Language n	((((((12	
		Association Grievance Committee		
_	A. Matters Pending B. New Matters Re	eceived During Period	27 25	
	D. Total Matters toE. Total Matters Di	Reactivated During Period be Processed During Period isposed of During Period on Dec. 31, 1988	0 52 35 17	
п	D. Total Matters toE. Total Matters Di	be Processed During Period isposed of During Period on Dec. 31, 1988	52 35	

Westchester County Bar Association Grievance Committee

Appellate Division, Second Department, Ninth Judicial District

Ĺ.	Mat	Matters Processed:				
	A. B. C. D. E. F.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 New Matters Received During Period Closed Matters Reactivated During Period Total Matters to be Processed During Period Total Matters Disposed of During Period Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988	57 222 0 279 215 64			
IL.	Mat	iters Disposed of by Committee:				
	A. B. C.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees Referred to Other Agencies	0 4 0			
	D. E. F. G.	Dismissed Dismissed with Cautionary Language Withdrawn Settled	- 14 11			
	H. I.	Letter of Caution Letter of Admonition	- - -			
	J. K.	Reprimand Total Disposed of During Period	215			

Grievance Committee for the Tenth Judicial District of the Second Department

I Matters Processed:

	 A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 B. New Matters Received During Period C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988 	768* 1672 100	2540 1770 770*
		CASES:	MATTERS:
II.	Matters Disposed of by Committee:		
	 A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees C. Referred to Other Agencies D. Dismissed or Withdrawn E. Letter of Caution (or Education) F. Letter of Admonition G. Admonition (or Reprimand) H. Referred to Appellate Division I. Total Disposed of During Period 	771 463 7 316 51 31 1 29 1669	771 463 7 341 59 32 1 96 1770
m.	Cases Processed in All Courts:		
	A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 19881. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	59 48 11	150 139 11
	B. Cases Received During Period1. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	38 21 17	113 96 17
	C. Total To Be Processed During Period	97	263
	 Cases Closed Disbarred Resigned Suspended Censured Privately Censured Remanded to Grievance Committee Discontinued Dismissed Reinstatement Granted Reinstatement Denied All Other Dispositions Total Closed 	4 8 7 6 0 2 2 2 1 0 3 16 49	4 44 22 13 0 2 2 2 1 0 3 16 107
	E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period1. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	48 40 8	156 148 8

^{*} Not including DP matters

Committee on Professional Standards, Third Department (Third, Fourth and Sixth Judicial Districts)

ı	Matters Processed:		
	 A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 B. New Matters Received During Period C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988 	351 1099 35	1485 980 505
		CASES:	MATTERS:
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	 A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees C. Referred to Other Agencies D. Dismissed or Withdrawn E. Letter of Caution (or Education) F. Letter of Admonition G. Admonition (or Reprimand) H. Referred to Appellate Division I. Total Disposed of During Period 	607 50 5 161 64 13 2 28 930	631 50 5 163 76 16 3 36 980
m.	Cases Processed in All Courts:		
	A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 19881. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	13 1	14
	B. Cases received During Period1. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	22 4	26
	C. Total To Be Processed During Period D. Cases Closed 1. Disbarred 2. Resigned 3. Suspended 4. Censured 5. Privately Censured 6. Remanded to Grievance Committee 7. Discontinued 8. Dismissed 9. Reinstatement Granted 10. Reinstatement Denied 11. All Other Dispositions 12. Total Closed E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period		40 4 0 14 2 0 6 0 1 3 0 0 30
	Total Cases Pending at End of Period Disciplinary Proceedings Other	8 2	10

Grievance Committee for the Fifth Judicial District of the Fourth Department

I Matters Processed: A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 98 B. New Matters Received During Period 473 Closed Matters Reactivated During Period D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period 577 E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period 463 F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988 114 CASES: **MATTERS:** II. Matters Disposed of by Committee: A. Rejected as Failing to State a ComplaintB. Referred to Other Disciplinary CommitteesC. Referred to Other Agencies 199 209 39 39 5 5 D. Dismissed or Withdrawn 174 191 E. Letter of Caution (or Education) 0 0 F. Letter of Admonition 5 7 G. Admonition (or Reprimand) N/A N/A H. Referred to Appellate Division 9 12 Total Disposed of During Period 431 463 Ш. Cases Processed in All Courts: A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 2 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 2 2. Other 0 B. Cases Received During Period 9 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 7 Other 2 C. Total To Be Processed During Period 11 D. Cases Closed 1. Disbarred 1 2. Resigned 2 Suspended 1 Censured 0 Privately Censured 0 Remanded to Grievance Committee 0 7. Discontinued 0 8. Dismissed 0 Reinstatement Granted 2 10. Reinstatement Denied 0 11. All Other Dispositions 0 12. Total Closed 6 Total Cases Pending at End of Period 5 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 2. Other

Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District of the Fourth Department

I.	Matters Processed:		
	 A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 B. New Matters Received During Period C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988 	229 562 16	807 542 265
		CASES:	MATTERS:
IL.	Matters Disposed of by Committee:		
	 A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees C. Referred to Other Agencies D. Dismissed or Withdrawn E. Letter of Caution (or Education) F. Letter of Admonition G. Admonition (or Reprimand) H. Referred to Appellate Division L. Total Disposed of During Period 	221 7 0 158 6 2 N/A 6 400	338 7 0 179 7 5 N/A 6 542
III.	Cases Processed in All Courts:		
	A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 19881. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	2 0	2
	B. Cases Received During Period1. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	4 2	6
	C. Total To Be Processed During Period D. Cases Closed 1. Disbarred 2. Resigned 3. Suspended 4. Censured 5. Privately Censured 6. Remanded to Grievance Committee 7. Discontinued 8. Dismissed 9. Reinstatement Granted 10. Reinstatement Denied 11. All Other Dispositions 12. Total Closed E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period	0	8 2 1 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 8
	 Disciplinary Proceedings Other 	0 0	

Grievance Committee for the Eighth Judicial District of the Fourth Department

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ľ	Matters Processed:		
	 A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1988 B. New Matters Received During Period C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1988 	1164 1602 153	2869 1829 1040
		CASES:	MATTERS:
П.	Matters Disposed of by Committee:		
	 A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees C. Referred to Other Agencies D. Dismissed or Withdrawn E. Letter of Caution (or Education) F. Letter of Admonition G. Admonition (or Reprimand) H. Referred to Appellate Division I. Total Disposed of During Period 	614 39 24 620 5 3 N/A 5 1310	833 41 89 841 6 9 N/A 10 1829
ш.	Cases Processed in All Courts:		
	A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 19881. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	4 1	5
	B. Cases Received During Period1. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	2 3	5
	C. Total To Be Processed During Period D. Cases Closed 1. Disbarred 2. Resigned 3. Suspended 4. Censured 5. Privately Censured 6. Remanded to Grievance Committee 7. Discontinued 8. Dismissed 9. Reinstatement Granted 10. Reinstatement Denied 11. All Other Dispositions 12. Total Closed		10 2 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 6
	E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period1. Disciplinary Proceedings2. Other	3 1	4

Disciplinary Decisions Reported by Appellate Division in 1988

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FIRST DEPARTMENT

Attorney	Discipline Imposed	Disciplinary Rules and Statutes		
Russell Keith Eisman	Interim Suspension	Judiciary Law §90(4)(d) (convicted of petit larceny - NY misdemeanor).		
132 AD2d 319 Murray Hyman 132 AD2d 327	Disbarred	Judiciary Law §90(4), 18 USC §§371, 1014 (Federal felony conviction - conspiracy to make false statements on an application to obtain bank loans); willful failure to cooperate.		
Howard Eisenberg 134 AD2d 91	Disbarred	DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect of a legal matter entrusted to him); DR 9-102 (failure to preserve and identify the funds of a client); DR 9-102(B)(3)(failure to account for client funds); DR 6-102(A)(attempting to exonerate himself from liability to his client for his personal malpractice); 22 NYCRR \$188.1 (failure to comply with filing requirement for registration of attorneys and counselors at law); 22 NYCRR \$603.15(a)(failure to maintain attorney's special bank account).		
Israel G. Grossman 135 AD2d 1	Stricken	Judiciary Law §90(4), 15 USC §§78j(b), 78ff, 17 CFR §240.10b-5, 18 USC §§1341, 1342 (Federal felony conviction - insider trading).		
Edward Douglas Halper 135 AD2d 97	Interim Suspension	Judiciary Law §90(4), Penal Law §170.05 (convicted of forgery 3rd degree - NY misdemeanor).		
Steven S. Ezon 135 AD2d 111	Disbarred	Judiciary Law §90(2)(disbarred in New Jersey); 22 NYCRR §603.3 (failure and refusal to appear for audit of trust acount).		
Andrew D. Solomon 135 AD2d 187	Suspended	Judiciary Law §90(4), 18 USC §371 (Federal felony conviction - conspiracy to engage in insider trading).		

Cameron K. Wehringer . Disbarred DR 1-102(A)(5) (engaging in conduct 135 AD2d 279 prejudicial to the administration of justice); DR 1-102(A)(6)(conduct adversely reflecting upon his fitness to practice law); DR 7-102(A)(1)(asserting a position or taking other action on behalf of a client when he knew or it was obvious that such action would serve merely to harass or maliciously injure another); DR 7-102(A)(7)(assisting a client in conduct he knew to be illegal); DR 7-104(A)(1) (communicating with a party he knew to be represented by an attorney without the prior consent of the attorney representing such party). Thomas G. Morro Disbarred 22 NYCRR §603.3 (disbarred in New Jersey -136 AD2d 110 theft and conversion). Gerald M. Goldberg Judiciary Law ¶90(4)(d), 21 USC §846 Disbarred 136 AD2d 72 (disbarred in New Jersey - Federal felony conviction of conspiracy to distribute and possess a schedule II controlled substance); 22 NYCRR §603.3. Murray Seltzer 22 NYCRR §603.16(b)(1)(physical and Indefinite Suspension 136 AD2d 83 Physical Disability mental incapacity). Anthony Charles Castlebuono Judiciary Law §90(4), Penal Law Stricken 136 AD2d 120 §140.25(1)(a)(convicted of burglary 2nd degree - NY felony). Louis Rosen 22 NYCRR §603.11 (practicing law while Disbarred Upon Resignation suspended). Louis P. Kaufman Judiciary Law §90(4)(c), 22 NYCRR Suspended 6 months 136 AD2d 192 603.12(b)(failure to notify Court and Committee of New Jersey convictions); DR 1-102(A)(6)(conduct adversely reflecting upon Bar and fitness to practice law). Lawrence M. Rosenberg Disbarred Upon Resignation Judiciary Law §90(4), 26 USC §7201 (Federal 136 AD2d 160 felony conviction - tax evasion). Judiciary Law §750(A)(3), (B) (criminal Gene Crescenzi Disbarred 136 AD2d 386 contempt); Judiciary Law §753(A)(4)(civil contempt). Russell Keith Eisman Judiciary Law §90(4), Penal Law §155.25 Suspended 3 years 136 AD2d 341 (convicted of petit larceny - New York misdemeanor). Sidney M. Segall Disbarred Upon Resignation Commingling, etc. 136 AD2d 446 Robert V. Shannon New Jersey reciprocal - failure to cooperate Interim Suspension 137 AD2d 93 with disciplinary authorities.

Charles E. Morrison 137 AD2d 70	Suspended 2 years	DR 1-102(A)(4), DR 9-102(B)(3), (4) (conversion and commingling).
Joel Barnet Steinberg 137 AD2d 110	Stricken	Judiciary Law §90(2)(misrepresentation and suppression of information in applying for admission).
Steven Winston 137 AD2d 385	Suspended 3 years	Physical and mental incapacity
Kenneth F. Kaplan 137 AD2d 328	Disbarred	DR 1-102(A)(4), (6); DR 9-102(B)(3), (4) (conversion).
Mitchell W. Goldblatt 138 AD2d 1	Disbarred	Judiciary Law §90(4), 18 USC §664 (embezzlement); 18 USC §1503 (obstruction of justice); 18 USC §1954 (solicitation and receipt of kickbacks); 18 USC §1962(d) (racketeering). Federal felony convictions.
Andrews Bruce Campell 138 AD2d 129	Interim Suspension	Judiciary Law §90(4)([Maine] Federal felony convictions).
Robert B. Levine 138 AD2d 166	Interim Suspension	Judiciary Law §90(4), 26 USC §7206(2) (Federal felony conviction - aiding and assisting in filing of false Federal tax return).
Peter G. Schmidt 139 AD2d 170	Interim Suspension	22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(affidavit of resignation rejected, pending determination of charges against him).
Jonathan B. Altschuler 139 AD2d 311	Suspended 2 years	DR 1-102(A)(6), DR 9-102(A)(commingling and conversion).
Edward M. Cohen 139 AD2d 221	Censured	DR 1-102(A)(5)(conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice); DR 1-102(A)(6) (conduct adversely reflecting on his fitness to practice law).
Richard Jon Weisman 139 AD2d 249	Suspended 2 years	22 NYCRR §603.15(a), DR 9-102(A)(failure to deposit clients' funds in segregated bank account); DR 1-102(A)(4), (5), (6) (conversion).
J. W. Rosenthal	Disbarred Upon Resignation	Unopposed motion for resignation granted.
Joseph J. Schwartz 139 AD2d 145	Disbarred Upon Resignation	Judiciary Law §90(4), General Business Law §352-c(1)(a)(convicted of concealment of material information in connection with sale of securities - NY misdemeanor).
Charles Kadish 139 AD2d 226	Interim Suspension	Judiciary Law §90(4)(Maine), 26 USC §7203 (Federal felony conviction - 2 counts, willful failure to file Federal tax returns).

Philip Gottesman	Stricken	Judiciary Law §90(2)(willful failure to
139 AD2d 229		comply); 18 USC §1341 (Federal felony conviction - mail fraud).
Leroy Frazer, Jr. 139 AD2d 259	Censured	Judiciary Law §90(4), Tax Law §§695(a), 1801(a)(convicted of 2 counts failure to timely file NYS personal income tax returns - NY misdemeanor).
Leon S. Harris 139 AD2d 253	Suspended 2 years	DR 1-102(A)(4)(dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation); DR 1-102(A)(5)(conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice); DR 1-102(A)(6)(conduct adversely reflecting on fitness to practice law).
H. Barry Shultz 140 AD2d 41	Disbarred	22 NYCRR §603.3 (disbarred in New Jersey commingling).
Mario E. Biaggi 141 AD2d 1	Interim Suspension	Judiciary Law §90(4), 18 USC §201(g)(bribery of public official); 18 USC §1503 (obstruction of justice). Federal felonies.
Peter Waller Anson	Disbarred Upon Resignation	Unopposed motion for resignation granted.
Edward Douglas Halper 141 AD2d 201	Suspended 1 year	Judiciary Law §90(4), Penal Law §170.05 (convicted of forgery 3rd degree - NY misdemeanor).
Steven R. Wechsler 141 AD2d 204	Indefinite Suspension	Professional misconduct immediately threatening the public interest (conversion of clients' escrow funds). Suspension pending determination of complaint.
Irving B. Lampert 142 AD2d 66	Suspended 2 years	DR 1-102(A)(4), (6)(misrepresentation); DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect); DR 7-101(A)(2)(failure to carry out contract of employment).
Robert M. Gordon 142 AD2d 135	Indefinite Suspension	22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(1)(i)(willful failure to cooperate with the Committee).
J. Alexis Caparros 142 AD2d 122	Interim Suspension	Judiciary Law §90(4)(d), 18 USC §1343 (Federal felony conviction - wire fraud).

SECOND DEPARTMENT

(Second and Eleventh Judicial Districts)

Charles Roy Colin 132 AD2d 440

Censured

Impermissible conflict of interest in three separate matters.

Judiciary Law §90(4)(d), 18 USC §1343 (Federal felony conviction - wire fraud).

Terrence Lee Lewis 132 AD2d 240	Disbarred	Federal felony conviction - filing false income tax returns, claiming false deductions and making false statements to the IRS.
Malcolm Richard 132 AD2d 449	Disbarred	New York felony convictions - grand larceny second degree (Penal Law §155.35), falsifying business records second degree (Penal Law §175.10)
Jay L. Schwimer 135 AD2d 768	Disbarred	Reciprocal discipline - New Jersey disbarment for conversion of clients' funds.
Alan E. Harris	Suspended 1 year	Reciprocal discipline - Maryland suspension for 6 months.
Isaac M. Mishkoff 135 AD2d 57	Admission Revoked	Fraudulent misrepresentations on application for admission, filing false statements with a New York City agency.
Marc G. Schultz 135 AD2d 78	Disbarred	Serious crime conviction - federal mail fraud and racketeering.
Richard A. Berg 135 AD2d 122	Suspended 1 year	Misappropriation of client's cash bail fund to satisfy legal fee.
Jay Teitler 135 AD2d 214	Disbarred	Serious crime conviction - federal mail fraud, racketeering; violations of suspension order.
Stanley Shapiro	Interim Suspension	Failure to cooperate with Grievance Committee and to submit demanded materials.
John Gutman	Interim Suspension	Serious crime conviction.
Robert E. Twiste 136 AD2d 185	Resigned	Conversion of clients' funds.
Alexander Kushner 136 AD2d 226	Suspended 3 years	Serious crime conviction - New Jersey plea to false swearing.
Alvin I. Perlman 136 AD2d 212	Suspended 5 years	Conversion of client's funds, neglect of a legal matter.
George Fahy 136 AD2d 112	Suspended 5 years	Conversion of client's funds, neglect of a legal matter, failure to promptly deliver funds to a client.
Tom A. Vetrano 136 AD2d 305	Resigned	Conversion of clients' funds.
Justinian G. Connors, Jr. 136 AD2d 327	Disbarred	Reciprocal discipline - New Jersey disbarment based on felony conviction.

Robert M. Kronenberg 136 AD2d 264	Suspended 1 year	Serious crime conviction - employment of a non-attorney to solicit legal business (Judiciary Law §482, an unclassified misdemeanor).
Charles F. Darlington 136 AD2d 339	Disbarred	Federal felony conviction - filing false statements to Immigration and Naturalization Service.
Richard J. Alfieri 137 AD2d 225	Disbarred	Serious crime conviction - Federal conviction for failing to report currency transactions to the IRS.
Oswald B. Silvera	Interim Suspension	Admitted conversion of clients' funds and neglect of legal matters.
Jeffrey S. Augen	Interim Suspension	Reciprocal discipline - Florida suspension from practice.
Arthus S. Friedman	Interim Suspension	Uncontroverted evidence of conversion of clients' funds; failure to maintain required records.
Peter Rose 139 AD2d 174	Resigned	Conversion of clients' funds.
James B. Miller 139 AD2d 136	Resigned	Conversion of clients' funds.
Norman Gersman	Interim Suspension	Failure to cooperate with Grievance Committee.
George H. Vallario, Jr. 139 AD2d 267	Suspended 4 years	Serious crime conviction - Federal conviction for willful failure to file corporate tax return; false statements to an FBI agent and an Assistant US Attorney.
Leo Louison	Contempt and \$250 fine	A disbarred attorney - practicing law in violation of disbarment order.
Robert E. Johnson	Interim Suspension	Admitted conversion of clients' funds.
Gary Rothman 140 AD2d 24	Suspended 5 years	Convicted of conspiracy in the fifth degree - class A misdemeanor.
Richard Rubin 140 AD2d 146	Disbarred	Serious crime conviction - Federal conviction for mail fraud, fraud against the IRS, etc.
John J. Rubino 141 AD2d 27	Resigned	Conversion of clients' funds, commingling, failure to cooperate with Grievance Committee.
Raymond E. Michalak 140 AD2d 149	Disbarred	Reciprocal discipline - Florida disbarment for conversion of clients' funds and abandonment of his law practice.

Failure to answer numerous complaints Interim Suspension Jose A. Rivera and submit demanded material. Reciprocal discipline - Oregon suspension Robert A. Chandler Suspended 1 year for 63 days for neglect of legal matters. 141 AD2d 66 Failure to appear at investigative session Contempt Camilla Aings and produce demanded materials. Uncontroverted evidence of conversion of Interim Suspension Sharon Lynch-Taurek clients' funds. Serious crime conviction - Federal felony Disbarred Samuel Weinberg conviction, default by respondent. Conversion of clients' funds. Resigned Richard Hartman 141 AD2d 283 Reciprocal discipline - California suspen-Censure Robert Berkowitz sion for 90 days for neglect of legal matters. 141 AD2d 283 Uncontroverted evidence of conversion of Interim Suspension Clifford Lipscomb clients' funds and failure to answer numerous complaints. Commingling clients' funds with his own; Suspended 3 years Eric R. Koppel issuing five "bad" checks; neglecting a legal 142 AD2d 290 matter and failing to file retainer and closing statements. Federal felony conviction - filing of Disbarred William S. Hack fraudulent income tax returns. 142 AD2d 287 Fabricating and submitting as true a false Disbarred Arthur S. Saltz divorce decree, falsely stating to a Family 142 AD2d 272 Court judge that the divorce was authentic, (Ninth Judicial District) Donald A. Alleva order. Suspended 1 year Harvey Bayer

Donald A. Alleva

Suspended until further order.

Suspended 1 year

Suspended 1 year

Suspended 1 year

Judiciary Law §90(4)(c),(d)(convicted of promoting gambling, 2nd degree; possession of a gambling device; failure to file record of conviction with Appellate Division).

Morton Berger

Suspended until further Judiciary Law §90(4)(d)(convicted of Federal felony).

Sam Blecher Disbarred (resigned) DR 9-102(a); DR 9-102(B)(2),(3),(4); 22 136 AD2d 353 NYCRR §691.12(B)(commingled clients' and personal funds in three different escrow accounts, caused checks to be issued from these accounts for both personal and escrow obligations; failed to maintain a proper ledger book or similar record for his escrow accounts). Kenneth Bruce Suspended 3/18/88; suspen-Failed to comply with demands of 138 AD2d 553 sion recalled and vacated grievance committee in connection with 5/3/88 investigation into charges of professional misconduct. John Gorman Suspended until further or-22 NYCRR §691.12(c)(1)(failed to account for escrow funds). Robert T. Hartmann Disbarred (resigned) DR 6-101(A)(3); DR 6-102(A)(4,(6)(neglected 142 AD2d 175 legal matters entrusted to him; wrote checks on a closed escrow account; convinced a client to invest his money with him, resulting in his inability to return the funds). Howard C. Katz Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4)(A)(convicted of grand 135 AD2d 206 larceny 2nd, 3rd, 4th degrees; forgery 2nd degree). Kenneth Knigin Interim order of suspension. 22 NYCRR §691.4(1)(failure to cooperate; charges of conversion pending) Ira Searle Krup Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4)(A) (convicted of 135 AD2d 351 Federal felony with corresponding New York felony - knowingly using a false writing, corresponsding with NYS Penal Law §175.35, offering a false instrument for filing, 1st degree). David Leibman Interim order of suspension 22 NYCRR §691.12(a,(b),(e),(f); DR 1-102 (A)(4), (6)(commingled clients' funds with personal funds; failed to maintain a ledger book and records of deposits and withdrawals for attorney trust account; deceit and dishonesty). Franklyn L. Lowenthal Suspended 10/21/86; motion 132 AD2d 117 to reargue denied 5/10/88. Robert P. McGrath Suspended until further Failed to file an answer to petition to 140 AD2d 396 order. discipline him for alleged failure to cooperate and neglect. Motion to enter default judgment granted. Marvin Newman Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4),(6)(convicted of grand 141 AD2d 25

larceny, 3rd degree).

Albert Pacione, Jr. 136 AD2d 220 Disbarred 11/17/86; motion for leave to appeal to Court of Appeals denied 7/12/88.

Edward S. Patterson 135 AD2d 100 Disbarred

22 NYCRR §691.12(C)(2); DR 7-102(A)(5); DR 1-102(A)(4),(6)(converted funds to his own use; failed to properly account for personal property entrusted to him; failed to maintain a ledger book for trust accounts; failed to maintain certain bank records; while under oath, falsely answered a subpoena).

Herbert N. Posner 136 AD2d 236 Suspended 5 years on 4/7/87. Motion for leave to appeal to Court of Appeals denied 12/22/88.

William R. Raikin 134 AD2d 131 Disbarred

Judiciary Law §90(4)(c),(d); DR 1-102(A)(3), (4), (6)(Convicted of petit larceny; failed to file a record of the conviction; conversion of clients' funds; abuse of his notary; wrote check on insufficient funds).

Frederick P. Roland 136 AD2d 51 Disbarred. Motion for leave to reargue denied 10/7/88.

Judiciary Law §90(4)(d)(convicted in Federal court of 21 counts of unlawfully, willingly and knowingly offering unlawful gratuities).

Charles C. Rumsey 71 NY2d 803 Motion for leave to appeal denied by Court of Appeals 3/24/88.

Steven Schwartz

Motion for leave to reargue order of disbarment denied 8/15/88.

Louis Tirelli 137 AD2d 275 Disbarred

Judiciary Law §487; Judiciary Law §90(4)(convicted of felonies [grand larceny, falsifying business records]; convicted of misdemeanor [misconduct by an attorney]).

(Tenth Judicial District)

Matter of Bragg

Suspended

Matter of Brotman 108 AD2d 398 Disbarred

DR 9-102(B)(2)(commingling); DR 1-102(A) (4) (forgery and fraud).

Matter of Brotman 114 AD2d 386 Motion to Appeal Denied

Matter of Burke 532 NYS2d 572 Disbarred

DR 9-102(A)(conversion); DR 9-102(B)(2) (commingling).

Matter of Dempsey Censured DR 1-102(A)(4)(misrepresentation). 142 AD2d 254 Matter of Dowsey Suspended 1 year DR 2-106(A)(excessive fees); DR 1-102(A)(6). 137 AD2d 203 Matter of Dreznin Resigned DR 9-102(A)(conversion); DR 1-102(A)(4) 141 AD2d 8 (forgery). Matter of Friscia Censured DR 9-102(B)(2)(commingling). 136 AD2d 46 Matter of Gerard Resigned DR 9-102(A)(conversion). 527 NYS2d 43 Matter of Goldberg Disbarred 22 NYCRR §603.3; 22NYCRR §603.12(B). 526 NYS2d 82 Matter of Greenberg Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(a), (b)(plea of guilty to a 109 AD2d 245 felony charge). Matter of Guardino Reinstatement denied Matter of Hametz Motion of outside attorney to have Letter of Admonition published. Matter of Hasemann Resigned DR 9-102(A)(conversion); 22 NYCRR §691.9 139 AD2d 154 (tendering resignation). Matter of Hughes Reinstatement denied 137 AD2d 961 Matter of Kirwin Motion to Appeal denied 133 AD2d 329 (Disbarred). Matter of McCoy Suspended 3 years 22 NYCRR §691.4 (failure to cooperate); DR 136 AD2d 31 6-101(A)(3)(neglect). Matter of McCoy Motion to reargue denied Matter of O'Connell Censured DR 6-101(A)(failure to act competently). 135 AD2d 246 Matter of O'Connell Motion to Reconsider denied. Matter of O'Connell Motion to Produce denied. Matter of Parker Censured 22 NYCRR §691.4 (failure to cooperate); DR 136 AD2d 102 9-102(B)(4)(failure to provide legal documents). Matter of Rasmussen

22 NYCRR §691.4 (failure to cooperate); DR

9-102(A)(conversion); DR 6-101(A)(3) (ne-

glect).

Suspended

Disbarred

Matter of Reddan

136 AD2d 57

Matter of Reddan 532 NYS2d 367	Motion to Appeal dismissed	22 NYCRR §500.11(d)(failure to comply with the requirements of the Rules of Practice of the Court of Appeals).
Matter of Reifman 137 AD2d 60	Disbarred (resigned)	22 NYCRR §691.4 (failure to cooperate); DR 9-102(A)(conversion); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect).
Matter of Rivkind 135 AD2d 768	Motion to Appeal denied	Suspended in NY for attempted possession of cocaine in Arizona (NY misdemeanor).
Matter of Sanders, B. 136 AD2d 667	Interim suspension pending further order of court	22 NYCRR §691.13(B)(1)(mental illness).
Matter of Sanders, B. 136 AD2d 667	Disciplinary proceeding discontinued	
Matter of Sanders, S. 137 AD2d 641	Reinstatement denied	
Matter of Sickmen 136 AD2d 668	Motion to Reargue denied	
Matter of Silverman 142 AD2d 278	Resigned	22 NYCRR §691.4 (failure to cooperate); DR 9-102(A)(conversion); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect); DR 9-102(B)(4) (withholding escrow money).
Matter of Strauss 135 AD2d 71	Suspended 1 year and until further order of court	DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect); DR 1-102(A)(4) (misrepresentation).
Matter of Strauss 135 AD2d 71	Motion to Appeal to Court o Appeals denied	f
Matter of Strauss 525 NYS2d 1020	Motion to Reargue denied	
Matter of Strauss 72 NY2d 952	Motion for Leave to Appea dismissed	
Matter of Sussman 128 AD2d 574	Disbarred	22 NYCRR §691.3, 18 USC §1341 (mail fraud).
Matter of Terry 142 AD2d 281	Censured (Suspension from Dec. 8, 1987 was set aside).	(failure to cooperate).
Matter of Wagner 141 AD2d 251	Resigned	DR 9-102(B)(2)(commingling); DR 9-102(A)(conversion).
Matter of Wolfram 142 AD2d 69	Suspended 5 years	DR 9-102(A)(conversion); 22 NYCRR §691.4 (failure to cooperate); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect).
Matter of Wolfram 535 NYS2d 544	Motion to modify date suspension granted	of

DR 1-102(A)(4)(dishonesty, fraud, deceit and misrepresentation).

THIRD DEPARTMENT

Philip C. Apovian 140 AD2d 736

Suspended 6 months

22 NYCRR §806.19 (reciprocal discipline suspended in New Jersey as result of a

criminal conviction).

Ronald R. Benjamin

Reinstated

Andrew F. Capoccia 144 AD2d 231

Censured

DR 1-102(A)(5)(failure to comply with court

order).

Jeffrey S. Feldman 140 AD2d 880

Disbarred

22 NYCRR §806.19 (reciprocal discipline disbarred by consent order in New Jersey).

Samuel P. Frankel 141 AD2d 964

Suspended 2 years

DR 9-102(B)(1) (failure to promptly notify client of receipt of funds); DR 1-102(A) (5),(6) (failure to cooperate with Committee); DR 1-102(A)(5),(6)(failure to comply with Committee directive); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect of estate); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect of client's cause of action); DR 1-102(A)(4),(5)(misleading and deceiving client); DR 1-102(A)(4),(5) (attempting to mislead and deceive Committee concerning inquiry); DR 1-102(A)(5),(6) (failure to cooperate with Committee in investigation); DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect of liquidation proceeding); DR 1-102(A)(4),(5)(misleading and deceiving client and attorney).

William M. Gallow, Jr. 138 AD2d 803

Disbarred

DR 1-102(A)(4),(6), DR 5-104(A), DR 6-101(A)(3), DR 9-102 (conversion of clients' funds, neglect, conflict of interest); DR 1-102(A)(4), DR 5-104(A)(borrowing funds from client without taking appropriate steps to protect her interest); DR 9-102(A)(3) (failure to maintain complete records of all funds of client and failure to render appropriate accounts to client); DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect of estate); DR 5-104(A), DR 7-101(A)(2)(conflict of interest, failure to cary out contract of employment); DR 1-102(A)(5),(6)(failure to cooperate with

Committee in investigation).

Mary E. Gerisch 144 Ad2d 236 Disbarred

22 NYCRR §806.19 (reciprocal discipline disbarred in Michigan as a result of her failure to respond to charges she had permitted a client's action to be dismissed by stipulation without client's consent, misleading her client concerning settlement, issuing a check with insufficient funds, and giving false information to authorities).

Lee Landesberg

Reinstated

John Q. LeCain 141 AD2d 970 Disbarred

Judiciary Law §90(4)(b)(pleaded guilty to 3 felony counts).

Wilson S. Mathias 144 AD2d 173 Suspended 6 months

Judiciary Law §90(4)(c)(pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor).

Abram F. Molyneaux 137 AD2d 864 Suspended 5 years

DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect of estate); DR 1-102(A)(5)(taking legal fees without Court approval); DR 5-104(A)(conflict of interest); DR 1-102(A)(4),(5),(6), DR 9-102(A),(b) (failure to maintain complete records of all funds of client, failure to render appropriate accounts and conversion of clients' funds).

Anonymous (Not reported) Dismissed

22 NYCRR §806.10(a)(motion for examination to determine whether attorney was incapacitated from continuing to practice law).

Paul V. Oliver 142 AD2d 831 Suspended 6 months

DR 1-102(A)(6)(conduct reflecting adversely on his fitness to practice law in his handling of the preparation and execution of a will and investment of clients' funds).

Franklin B. Resseguie 138 AD2d 887 Suspended 6 months

DR 5-104(A), DR 1-102(A)(4),(5),(6)(entering into business relationship with client, fraud and prejudicial conduct); DR 9-102 (A), (B)(3) (failure to maintain bank accounts); DR 5-101(A)(conflict of interest); 22 NYCRR §806.18 (failure to maintain accounts and records); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect).

Michael H. Rosenberg

Reinstated

Steven G. Rothenberg 143 AD2d 479

Suspended 2 years

DR 1-102(A)(5), DR 9-102(B)(issuing checks returned for insufficient funds); DR 1-102(A)(4),(5),(6), DR 9-102(B), 22 NYCRR §806.18 (maintenance of false or inaccurate records concerning escrow account); DR 1-102(A)(4),(5),(6), DR 9-102(A),(B) (conversion of clients' funds); DR 1-102(A)(5), DR 9-102(B)(failure to deposit estate funds to estate account, improper disbursement of funds and failure to account).

Charles W. Ryan, Jr. 140 AD2d 735

Censured

DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect of client's case); DR 1-102(A)(4),(5)(misleading and deceiving client); DR 1-102 (A)(4),(5)(attempting to mislead and deceive Committee).

Philip W. Schunk 142 AD2d 840

Suspended 6 months

DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect of estate); DR 5-105(A), DR 6-101(A)(3)(conflict of interest, neglect of client's case); DR 1-102(A)(5),(6) (failure to cooperate with Committee in investigation).

Thomas R. Snow 142 AD2d 835

Suspended 1 year

DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect of real estate transaction); DR 9-102(B)(3), 22 NYCRR \$806.18 (failure to account); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect of wrongful death action); DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect of client's case); DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect of divorce action).

David H. Swyer 143 AD2d 462

Suspended 6 months

DR 1-102(A)(4),(5),(6), DR 9-102(A),(B) (failure to maintain complete records of clients' funds, failure to render appropriate accounts, and conversion of clients' funds).

James J. Woods 141 AD2d 967

Suspended 1 year

DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect); DR 6-102(A) (attempt to exonerate from liability); Judiciary Law §468(a)(failure to register); DR 1-102(A)(5),(6)(failure to cooperate).

Kathryn B. Wunderlich 141 AD2d 971

Suspended indefinitely

22 NYCRR §806.10 (mental incapacity, inability to defend against charges).

FOURTH DEPARTMENT

(Fifth Judicial District)

Patrick P. DeNero 136 AD2d 297

Reinstated

Lee Alexander 139 AD2d 973

Disbarred

Judiciary Law §90(4)(a)(convicted of a felony under 18 USC §1962(d) in violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act; 18 USC §71, conspiracy to defraud the United States; 26 USC §7201, income tax evasion).

George T. Mashie 145 AD2d 164	Suspended	DR 1-102(A)(3)(engaging in illegal conduct involving moral turpitude); DR 1-102(A)(4)(engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit and misrepresentation); DR 1-102(A)(5) (engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice); DR 7-102(A)(4),(8)(in representing a client he knowingly and unlawfully used false evidence).
R. Kent Holtsbery 140 AD2d 1006	Resigned	DR 9-102(A), (B)(1),(2),(3),(4)(failure to properly identify funds and property of a client and to maintain complete records of funds of his clients; failure to render appropriate accounts to his clients regarding the clients' funds; and failure to promptly pay or deliver the funds to the client as requested); 22 NYCRR §1022.5(a) (commingling and converting clients' funds); 22 NYCRR 1022.5(a)(failing to maintain true and corect records of clients' fiduciary accounts).
Gaetano L. Colozzi AD2d	Reinstated	
	(Seventh Judicial Dist	rict)
Adam H. Bernstein 134 AD2d 12	Interim Suspension	22 NYCRR \$1022.19(f)(2)(suspended pending consideration of disciplinary charges filed against him).
Frederic G. Blum 135 AD2d 253	Censured	DR 7-101(A)(failing to seek the lawful objectives of his client and to represent the estate with undivided loyalty); DR 7-104(A)(2)(failing in his professional obligation to refrain from giving advice to potentially adverse parties who are in conflict with the interest of his client).
Adam H. Bernstein 140 AD2d 1006	Disbarred	Judiciary Law §90(4)(a)(convicted of a felony); 22 NYCRR §1022.21(a)(convicted of a misdemeanor).
Frances A. Aloi AD2d	Temporary Order of Suspension	f Judiciary Law §90(4)(f).

Martin E. Eades 141 AD2d 43	Suspended 6 months	DR 9-102 (failing to preserve and identify funds and property of client); DR 9-102(B)(3)(failing to maintain complete records of funds of his clients and failing to render appropriate accounts to his clients regarding them); DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglecting a legal matter entrusted to him); 22 NYCRR §1022.5(a)(commingling and converting client's funds); 22 NYCRR §1022.5(b) (failing to maintain true and accurate records of client's fiduciary accounts).
A. James LaBueAD2d	Resigned	22 NYCRR §1022.25 (resigned under investigation for conversion of client's funds).
Francis A. Aloi 141 AD2d 270	Suspended 1 year	Judiciary Law §90(4)(h)(convicted of Federal felony under 18 USC §3 - fraudulent scheme involving a bank loan).
Géorge R. LàCavà AD2d	Application for reinstatemen denied.	ŧ
	(Eighth Judicial Distr	ict)
Timothy M. Kozyra 136 AD2d 971	Resigned	22 NIVODD \$1022.25 (
10011224 57.1		22 NYCRR §1022.25 (resigned under investigation).
Arthur S. Anderson 137 AD2d 233	Disbarred	vestigation). DR 1-102(A)(4)(engaging in conduct involving dishonesty); DR 1-102(A)(5) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice); DR 1-106(A)(6) (engaging in conduct that reflects adversely on his fitness to practice law); DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglecting a legal matter entrusted to him); DR 9-102(A),(B)(failing to identify, deposit, and promptly repay funds of a client); 22 NYCRR §1022.5(a) (failing to maintain a special account for the deposit of clients' funds).
Arthur S. Anderson	Disbarred Application of complainant for release of records denied.	vestigation). DR 1-102(A)(4)(engaging in conduct involving dishonesty); DR 1-102(A)(5) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice); DR 1-106(A)(6) (engaging in conduct that reflects adversely on his fitness to practice law); DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglecting a legal matter entrusted to him); DR 9-102(A),(B)(failing to identify, deposit, and promptly repay funds of a client); 22 NYCRR §1022.5(a) (failing to maintain a special account for the deposit of clients' funds).

William F. Lisnerski
____AD2d ____

Resigned

Philip McClelland
____AD2d ____

Resigned

DR 1-102(A)(1)(violating a disciplinary rule); DR 1-102(A)(2)(circumventing a disciplinary rule through the actions of another); DR 1-102(A)(3)(engaging in illegal conduct); DR 1-102(A)(4) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation); DR 1-102(A)(5) (engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice); DR 1-102(A) (6)(engaging in any other condict that adversely reflects on his fitness to practice law); DR 2-106(A),(B)(charging a clearly excessive fee); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglecting a legal matter entrusted to him); DR 9-102(A),(B)(failure to properly identify funds and property of a client and to maintain complete records of funds of his clients; failure to render appropriate accounts to his clients regarding the clients' funds; and failure to promptly pay or deliver the funds to the client as requested).

22 NYCRR §118.1, Judiciary Law §468(a)(declined to file a registration statement with the Chief Administrator of the Courts).

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Advertising Decisions

During 1988, the Grievance Committee for the Tenth Judicial District reported that it reviewed two complaints regarding false and misleading advertisements. The attorneys in question violated EC 2-10, DR 2-101(A), (B) of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Section 691.22 of the Rules of the Appellate Division, Second Department. One of the attorneys received a Letter of Caution, while the other attorney received a Dismissal with Advisement.

The Grievance Committee for the Second and Eleventh Judicial Districts reported that during 1988 the inquiries it received concerning improper advertising were limited to violations of the rule against claiming "specialization." No dispositions were reported.

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RULES CHANGES FOR 1988

The Appellate Division, Second Department reported two changes to its rules during 1988. Rule 691.4, which permits the suspension of an attorney pending consideration of charges against the attorney, has been amended by adding to subdivision (i) the following:

(i) the attorney's default in responding to the petition or notice, or the attorney's failure to submit a written answer to pending charges of professional misconduct or the attorney's failure to submit a written answer to a complaint of professional misconduct within ten days of receipt of a demand for such an answer by the grievance committee, served either personally or by certified mail upon the attorney or the attorney's failure to comply with any other lawful demand of this court or the grievance committee made in connection with any investigation, hearing, or disciplinary proceeding; or

(Matter in italics is to be added).

Rule 691.12, dealing with fiduciary responsibility, maintenance of bank accounts, recordkeeping and examination of records, has been amended as follows:

- §691.12 Fiduciary Responsibility; Maintenance of Bank Accounts; Recordkeeping; Examination of Records
- (a) Prohibition Against Commingling
 An attorney in possession of any funds or other property belonging to another
 person, where such possession is incident to his or her practice of law, is a
 fiduciary, and must not commingle such property with his or her own.
- (b) Separate Accounts. Every attorney subject to this Court's rules, who is in possession of funds belonging to another person incident to the attorney's practice of law, shall maintain in a bank or trust company within the State of New York in the attorney's own name, or in the name of a firm of attorneys of which he or she is a member, or in the name of the attorney or firm of attorneys by whom he or she is employed, a special account or accounts, separate from any business or personal accounts which the attorney may maintain as executor, guardian, trustee or receiver, or in any other such fiduciary capacity, into which special account or accounts all funds held in escrow or otherwise entrusted to the attorney or firm shall be deposited.

Other than accounts maintained by an attorney as executor, guardian, trustee or receiver, or in any other such fiduciary capacity, all special accounts as well as all deposit slips relating to and checks drawn upon such special accounts, shall be designated in a manner sufficient to distinguish them from all other bank accounts maintained by the attorney or the attorney's firm.

- (c) Required Bookkeeping Records All attorney subject to this section shall maintain for seven years after the events which they record:
- (1) the records of all deposits in and withdrawals from the accounts specified in subdivision (b) of this section and of any other bank account which concerns or affects their practice of law. These records shall specifically identify the date, source and description of each item deposited, as well as the date, payee and purpose of each withdrawal or disbursement;

- (2) a record for special accounts, showing the source of all funds deposited in such accounts, the names of all persons for whom the funds are or were held, the amount of such funds, the description and amounts, and the names of all persons to whom such funds were disbursed;
 - (3) copies of all retainer and compensation agreements with clients;
- (4) copies of all statements to clients or other persons showing the disbursement of funds to them or on their behalf;
 - (5) copies of all bills rendered to clients;
- (6) copies of all records showing payments to attorneys, investigators or other persons, not in their regular employ, for services rendered or performed;
- (7) copies of all retainer and closing statements filed with the Office of Court Administration; and
- (8) all checkbooks and checkstubs, bank statements, prenumbered cancelled checks and duplicate deposit slips.

All such attorneys shall make accurate entries of all financial transactions in their records of receipts and disbursements, in their special accounts, in their ledger books or similar records, and in any other books of account kept by them in the regular course of their practice, which entries shall be made at or near the time of the act, condition or event recorded.

- (d) Authorized signatures
- All special account withdrawals shall be made only by authorized intrastate or interstate bank transfer or by check payable to a named payee and not to cash. Only an attorney admitted to practice in New York State shall be an authorized signatory of a special account.
- (e) Availability of Bookkeeping Records; Random Review and Audit The financial records required by this section shall be located at the principal New York State office of the attorneys subject hereto. Such records shall be available, at that location, for inspection, copying and determination of compliance with this section, to a duly authorized representative of the court pursuant to the issuance, on a randomly selected basis, of a notice or subpoena by this court or a Grievance Committee for the Second Judicial Department.
- (f) Confidentiality

All matters, records and proceedings relating to compliance with this section, including the selecting of an attorney for review hereunder, shall be kept confidential in accordance with applicable law, as and to the extent required of matters relating to professional discipline.

- (g) Regulations and Procedures for Random Review and Audit Prior to the issuance of any notice or subpoena in connection with the random review and audit program established by this section, the Grievance Committees shall propose regulations and procedures for the proper administration of the program. The court shall approve such of the regulations and procedures of the Grievance Committees as it may deem appropriate, and only such regulations and procedures as have been approved by the court shall become effective.
- (h) Missing Clients

Whenever any sum of money is payable to a client and the attorney is unable to locate the client, the attorney shall apply to the court in which the action was brought, or, if no action was commenced, to the Supreme Court in the county in which the attorney has his or her office, for an order directing payment to the attorney of his or her fee and disbursements and to the clerk of the court of the balance due to the client.

- (i) Dissolution of a Firm Upon the dissolution of any firm of attorneys, the former partners or members shall make appropriate arrangements for the maintenance by one of them or by a successor firm of the records specified in subdivision (c) of this section.
- (j) Records Subject to Production in Disciplinary Investigations and Proceedings
 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, records required to be kept by this section shall be produced in response to a notice or subpoena duces tecum issued in connection with a complaint before or any investigation by a Grievance Committee, or shall be produced at the discretion of this court before any person designated by it for review or audit in connection with any plan of review or audit other than that provided by subdivision (e). All books and records produced pursuant to this subdivision shall be kept confidential, except for the purpose of the particular proceeding and their contents shall not be disclosed by anyone in violation of the attorney-client privilege.
- (k) Disciplinary Action
 Any attorney who does not maintain and keep the accounts and records required by this section, or who does not produce such records pursuant to this Part, shall be deemed in violation of these rules and shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings.
- (l) Annual Certification of Compliance
 During the month of January but not later than January 31 of each year, any
 attorney subject to this court's jurisdiction shall file an affidavit with the
 Clerk of the Court certifying, for the prior year, that the attorney is in
 compliance with this section. The certification shall be in the following form
 and shall be available at all times to the Grievance Committee:

State of New York)
) ss.
County of)
	, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

(type name)
I am familiar with DR 9-102 of the Lawyer's Code of Professional Responsibility, as adopted by the New York State Bar Association, effective January 1, 1970 as amended, and with section 691.12 of the court's Rules Governing the Conduct of Attorneys, which requires an attorney to preserve the identity of funds and property entrusted to him or her and to maintain certain records relating thereto.

I certify to this court that I am in compliance with the above provisions of the Lawyer's Code of Professional Responsibility and this court's Rules.

Signature o	f Attorney	

	Attorney
	Firm Name
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	Office Telephone Number
	Home Address
	Home Telephone Number
Sworn to before me this day of	

The Committee on Professional Standards, Third Department reports the following change to its Procedural Rules:

XXXIII. Executive Committee - Rule XXI is hereby amended to the extent that the term of office of the members of the Executive Committee shall be six months (7/29/88 Minutes, Item I.2).

The Appellate Division, Fourth Department has amended Rule 1022.19(k) and Rule 1022.20(a), effective April 1, 1988, to read as follows:

Rule 1022.19 (k). When a county or local bar association assumes jurisdiction over a complaint in the above four areas, their investigation and final action shall be concluded within 60 days from the date the complainant's letter was received and the complete county or local bar association file shall be forwarded to the Fourth Department grievance office with a status report, in a form prescribed by the chief attorney, accompanying the file unless the complaint involves solely a dispute concerning a fee not representing extortionate proportions or indicative of a pattern or course of conduct and the parties have agreed to binding arbitration of the dispute before the county or local bar association, or otherwise have resolved the matter within 20 days of the receipt thereof. The file shall include the original complaint, all correspondence, memoranda, copies of any transcripts if testimony was taken of any person, and all other miscellaneous papers. At the end of the 60 day period, the district committee automatically has jurisdiction over the complaint unless the chief attorney extends the time for a specific period after the county or local bar, within the 60-day period, makes written request to the chief attorney for an extension of time and states the basis for the request.

Rule 1022.20 (a). [Where charges of professional misconduct are filed with the Appellate Division, whether after investigation or direction, which are sufficient prima facie to warrant action, the court shall direct that a copy be served by a day certain on the respondent with notice of the date prior to which he or she must answer or make any desired motion addressed to such charges.] Proceedings under this section shall be commenced by a verified petition and notice of petition unless the Court or a justice thereof grants an order to show cause to be served in lieu of a notice of petition at a time and manner to be specified therein. Unless otherwise directed by the Court,

proceedings or motions under this section, sections 1022.23, 1022.24 or 1022.36 of this part, shall be made returnable on the Tuesday of the second week that the court is in session.

- 1. The original and ten copies of the notice of petition, together with the petition and affidavits specified in the notice, shall be filed with this court and a copy thereof served on the respondent at least twenty days prior to the commencement of the term of this court during which the petition is returnable.
- 2. An original and ten copies of the answer and supporting affidavits, if any, shall be filed and a copy thereof served, within twenty days thereafter.
- 3. The original and ten copies of a reply, together with supporting affidavits, if any, shall be filed and served at least one day prior to the return date.
- 4. Motion papers under this section, sections 1022.23, 1022.24 or 1022.36 shall be served as required by CPLR 2214. The original plus ten copies of all moving and answering papers shall be filed no later than the Friday prior to the return date of the motion.

(Matter in italics is to be added; matter in brackets is to be deleted.)

Finally, the Appellate Division, Fourth Department has amended Rule 1022.36 of the Rules of the Appellate Division, effective April 1, 1988, by adding a new subdivision (c), as follows:

Rule 1022.36 (c). Upon written request of a representative of the Clients' Security Fund certifying that a person or persons has filed a claim or claims seeking reimbursement from the Clients' Security Fund for the wrongful taking of client money or property by an attorney who has been disbarred by this Court, the offices of the Grievance Committees for the Fourth Judicial Department are authorized to disclose to the Clients' Security Fund such information as they may have on file relating thereto.

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Attorney Discipline Budget Appropriations
(Fiscal 1988 - 1989)
and
Salaries of Disciplinary Staff
(March 1989)

Fourth Department

Title	Grade	Mar. 1989 Salary
Chief Attorney	32	73,959
Principal Attorney	30	67,948
Principal Attorney	30	67,948
Principal Attorney	30	67,948
Associate Attorney	27	49,273
Law Stenographer	14	29,424
Principal Office Stenographe	r 12	20,711
Law Stenographer	14	30,450
Law Stenographer	14	29,424
Grievance Examiner	17	29,905
Grievance Examiner	17	32,259
Grievance Examiner	17	26,374
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Principal Office Typist	12	21,652
1988-89 Appropriations:		
Personal Service		\$616,501
Nonpersonal Service		<u>171,894</u>
	Total	\$788,395