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Committee on Professional Discipline

# The State of Discipline in New York State

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#### INTRODUCTION

The following report consists of three parts. The first part is principally a statistical compilation of all disciplinary matters processed in New York State during 1991, along with tables which provide some comparative statistics for the preceding ten years. The second part summarizes all disciplinary decisions published last year by the four Departments of the Appellate Division. The third part indicates the appropriations made for attorney discipline during fiscal 1991-92, as well as the professional staff's salaries as of March 1992.

#### Interpretation and Analysis

Interpretation and analysis of the facts and figures set forth are generally left to the readers of this report. However, there are a few salient points worthy of note.

First, as indicated by Table 2, the work-load of the disciplinary staffs is increasing. For example, overall, there has been an 11% increase in the number of matters filed with the various disciplinary agencies during the year just ended. In one Department, the number of new matters jumped by 16%.

Second, unfortunately, what is not reflected in our statistics is the fact that the number of staff attorneys available for assignment to these matters has remained fairly constant. As a consequence, the system has begun to show some signs of weakening under its increasing burden with the number of dispositions falling overall by 5%. Consistent with this pattern and its apparent cause, in the Department having the greatest annual increase in the number of new matters, the number of dispositions has fallen by 16%.

Third, not only are there more matters in process, but the number of attorneys being disciplined by the courts has generally risen. Overall, the number of proceedings resulting in the imposition of serious discipline has increased by 24%. Indeed, during the year just ended, the number of proceedings resulting in

serious discipline in one Department increased by 42%.

#### Understanding the Statistical Nomenclature

To those unfamiliar with the nomenclature of professional discipline in New York State, some of the terms used in this report may be confusing. The most basic unit used for statistical reporting purposes is a "matter"; but, even that seemingly uncomplicated term requires a word of explanation.

The practice has been initially to consider each intended complaint of misconduct or supposed cause for investigation 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, where a cognizable complaint has been alleged, the file is assigned for investigation.

All inquiries in the form of a written complaint that come to the attention of a disciplinary committee, whether or not subsequently dismissed for "failure to state a complaint," are deemed "matters" for reporting purposes. Simple requests for information about an attorney's conduct or mere telephonic accusations are no longer reported as "matters." Prior to 1990, for a time, such requests were reported as "matters" in two of the Departments, and that lack of uniformity had made statistical comparisons exceedingly difficult.

Often several "matters" will involve the same attorney; and all matters involving that attorney which are considered simultaneously will be deemed one "case."

The disciplinary procedures employed vary widely among the four Departments. Understandably, some of the terminology used to describe those differing procedures will also vary. What is remarkable about New York is that often the same procedures will be described differently by the various Departments of the Appellate Division and even function-

ally equivalent agencies of discipline will be known by different names. For example, all four Departments use so-called "Letters of Caution." In the First, Second and Fourth Departments, such letters are not considered professional discipline; however, in the Third Department, where there are "Letters of Education" as well as "Letters of Caution," the former are the functional equivalent of Letters of Caution in the other three Departments and the latter are considered a form of professional discipline.

In the First Department, we refer to the "Departmental Disicplinary Committee" as the principal agency of professional discipline; in the Third Department, its functional equivalent is known as the "Committee on Professional Standards"; in the Second and Fourth Departments, there are three district "Grievance Committees" which serve as the principal agencies of discipline in each of those two Departments.

The amount of committee consultation and review also varies widely among the Departments; and assessing the workload of the respective disciplinary agencies in terms of the statistics reported is complicated by the wide variation in procedures. For example, before formal proceedings may be instituted in the Second, Third and Fourth Departments, the full committee must be consulted and the court must approve issuance of the charges. However, in the First Department, only one member of the committee need be consulted and the staff is authorized to issue charges without further consultation of the committee or approval by the court. The procedures on closing files reflect a similar degree of diversity in the amount of committee consultation and review.

#### Reporting on Local Bar Activity

The multiplicity of disciplinary committees results in each committee receiving a substantial number of inquiries and complaints that fall within the jurisdiction of other committees and which must then be referred out.

Sometimes this is a consequence of the complainant having chosen the wrong forum; other times it is as a consequence of judicial policy requiring official staff review of all complaints relating to attorney conduct. For example, in the Second and Fourth Departments, all complaints received by county bar association grievance committees (with the sole exception of the Monroe County Bar Association in the Fourth Department) are routinely referred to the professional staff of one of the district grievance committees. Even if the complaint appears to be nothing more than a fee dispute, by court rule in these Departments, a policy has been established to refer all inquiries to the district grievance committee's professional staff. Upon review, the district grievance committee, in turn, will refer a large portion of these matters to county bar association committees for further processing and investigation. Often a matter that was initially referred to the district committee will be referred back to the same county bar association. Such matters would be reported by the district committee as both "new matters received" and "referred to other disciplinary committees."

Statistics from the First Department include matters that are referred by the departmental disciplinary committee to the so-called "complaint mediation panels" operated pursuant to court order by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Bronx County Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers' Association. Other matters, more properly regarded as "fee disputes," are referred to the joint committee on fee disputes for New York and Bronx counties, consisting of members appointed by the same three local bar associations. Occasionally, matters that have been referred out are referred back to the departmental disciplinary committee for further investigation. None of the local bar associations in the First Department has authority to make findings or issue letters criticizing the conduct of attorneys.

The statistics from the Second Department represent the total number of actions ta-

ken by the various court appointed district committees and include the reports of county bar association grievance committees. The reports of the district committees, as well as those of the local bar association committees (including the respective grievance committees of the Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester County Bar Associations), are separately reproduced. In the Tenth Judicial District, the grievance committees of the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations only investigateso-called "minor complaints" and then report them to the district committee which makes the ultimate disposition. Such matters, although for the most part processed by the local bar association committees, are incorporated in the report of the district committee. The Second Department is unique among the four Departments in that local bar associations are given authority to issue letters of admonition; however, in practice, that authority has been rarely exercised and, even then, only in the counties of Kings and Queens.

In the Third Department, relatively few matters are processed by local bar associations. It is estimated that less than 10% of the total number of matters pending in the Third Department are handled by such associations; and, of that 10%, approximately one-fourth consist of fee disputes. However, no statistics are available that separately reflect such bar association activity. While the associations do not have authority to discipline attorneys, they do issue closing letters of instruction commenting on the respondents' conduct.

Finally, in the Fourth Department, a substantial number of minor complaints are processed by local bar associations. The associations are given authority to file complaints, sua sponte, and issue findings in the form of letters of instruction. The local processing of such matters is included, without differentiation, in the statistics furnished by the three district committees.

#### The Looming Crisis

There is a crisis that looms for professional discipline in New York. Its causes are many and complex. But there are a few more easily discernable—if no less intractable—problems that merit brief comment by way of introduction to the statistics which follow.

First, the system is too complicated and varied to afford prompt, efficient and consistent handling of complaints. Far from being a single, statewide system, there are significant variations in policy and procedure among the four Departments. There are also significant differences among the districts of which the Departments are comprised, and even within certain districts. Although the disciplinary staffs and volunteers who serve the various agencies try mightily to be thorough and fair, the problem is essentially systemic. Greater uniformity would seem to be indicated.

Second, adding to the complexity of the system, there is a disturbing trend to rely on local bar associations and volunteer prosecutors to provide the services that professional staff attorneys ought to furnish. While some argue that the trend should be regarded as a temporary expedient born of necessity, it has begun to take on the semblance of a permanent fixture. This invariably compromises (or, at least, appears to compromise) confidentiality, consistency, and control of the matters referred.

Third, there is a need for adequate funding. As the statistics indicate, the system has begun to back up. In this connection it will be observed that a substantial portion of the funds raised from the \$300 biennial lawyer registration fee are being turned over for the general purposes of the State. The fee has grown from \$50 biennially (in 1981) to \$100 (in 1986) to its present amount in 1990. Each time the fee was increased, there was discussion of the need to provide additional funding for the agencies of discipline, as well as the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. Under current law, \$60 of each fee is deposited with the LFCP and the

balance is claimed by the Attorney Licensing Fund. Of the \$11,496,288 raised by the fee in fiscal 1991-92, \$3,483,068 was deposited with LFCP and \$4,158,058 was distributed by the ALF to the State for its general purposes. There is no reason why these registration fee-generated funds should not be used to avoid the looming crisis in professional discipline. Last June, the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association proposed corrective legislation, but there is little support for change in the Legislature.

Over the months to come, our Committee will address each of the foregoing problems in an effort to offer some practical and politically feasible solutions. The Committee has no illusions. Clearly, it is not a job for the impatient or short-winded.

Frank R. Rosiny Chair

# Disciplinary Statistics 1991 Tables

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Table 1 **Appellate Division** (January 1, 1991 - December 31, 1991)

		1st Dept.	2d Dept.	3d Dept.	4th Dept.	Total
I.	MATTERS PROCESSED:					
	Pending at start of period New matters received** Matters disposed of Pending at end of period	1222 2800 2745 1277	1991 5300 5202 2089	554 1509 1424 639	901 2012 1857 1056	4668 11621 11228 5061
п.	COMMITTEE DISPOSITIONS:					
	Rejected for failing to state complaint Referred to other agencies*** Dismissed or withdrawn Letters of caution Letters of admonition Admonition or reprimand Referred to court Other  TOTAL DISPOSED OF:	780 457 1261 23 129 3 92 0	1727 1530 1142 256 134 5 408 0	787 98 348 42 57 22 70 0	869 82 740 63 14 N/A 89 0	4163 2167 3491 384 334 30 659 0
m.	CASES PROCESSED IN COURTS:					
	Cases pending at start of period**** Cases received	62 116	223 166	14 84	13 52	312 418
	CASES CLOSED:					
	Disbarred Resigned Suspended Censured Censured privately Remanded to Grievance Committee Reinstatements granted Reinstatements denied Discontinued Dismissed All other dispositions TOTAL CLOSED:	11 3 25 4 1 12 2 5 4 2 60	52 11 35 7 0 6 9 9 4 6 63 202	4 26 7 3 0 11 8 0 1 0 14	3 4 2 0 4 6 1 0 1 4	70 43 71 16 1 33 25 15 9 9 141 433
	TOTAL PENDING:	49	188	24	37	298

<sup>&</sup>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.

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				
1982	2681	2788	127	43
1983	2547	2511	152	<b>72</b>
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
1989	5278	51 <b>74</b>	144	39
1990	2247	2408	175	40
1991	2343	2288	155	44
2nd Department			•	
1982	2188	2210	169	41
1983	2204	1970	187	<i>7</i> 9
1984	2646	2702	269	61
1985	2990	2966	290	64
1986	3452	3064	264	36
1987	3325	3465	282	49
1988	3119	3049	247	80
1989	3535	3170	291	<b>7</b> 5
1990	3275	3459	415	74
1991	3770	3672	395	105
3rd Department				
1982	630	568	50	14
1983	<b>7</b> 60	750	64	14
1984	662	746	57	24
1985	950	794	. <b>71</b>	12
1986	976	986	96	16
1987	979	983	96	16
1988	1079	925	95	20
1989	1235	1237	63	13
1990	1374	1322	89	28
1991	1411	1326	121	40
4th Department				
1982	1558	1510	32	8
1983	2171	2056	30	15
1984	2083	1904	26	5
1985	2166	1934	42	5
1986	1895	1645	60	14
1987	2181	1992	51	19
1988	2631	2653	34	14
1989	2307	2368	26	14
1990	1659	2116	<b>68</b>	20
1991	1930	1775	77	. 12

<sup>\*</sup> These figures are reduced by the number of complaints referred to other committees for action.

## Statewide

1982	7057	7076	746	106
1983	7682	7287	433	180
1984	8402	8045	475	129
1985	89 <b>7</b> 5	8516	601	160
1986	8800	8310	614	104
1987	8813	8551	523	140
1988	11825	8929	462	159
1989	12355	11949	524	141
1990	8555	9305	747	162
1991	9454	9061	748	201

Table 3

	New Matters	Matters Closed*	Disciplinary Action by Committees	Disciplinary Action by Court
Departmental Discipl	inary Committe	ee for the First De	partment	
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
1989	5278	5174	144	39
1990	2247	2408	175	40
1991	2343	2288	155	44
Grievance Committee	e for the Second	l and Eleventh Jud	licial Districts, Second	d Department
1000	557	571	45	16
1982	506	506	37	<b>65</b> .
1983	519	453	49	24
1984		433 672	66	17
1985	802	716	55	6
1986	867		56	18
1987	1019	916 1017	92	33
1988	992	. 1017	102	12
. 1989	1142	941		26
1990	1122	1201	220	34
1991	1211	1134	210	34
Grievance Committee	e for the Ninth	Judicial District, S	Second Department	
1982	497	483	47	<b>12</b> ·
1983	443	470	64	6
	604	534	38	20
1984	567	612	40	11
1985	826	598	24	18
1986	829	89 <b>4</b>	41	10
. 1987		732	63	22
1988	825		101	34
1989	915	900	92	28
1990	733	938		. 34
1991	1042	1030	48	. 34
Grievance Committee	e for the Tenth	Judicial District, S		
1982	865	848	<b>7</b> 6	13
1983	962	753	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
1989	1478	1329	88	29
1990	1420	1320	103	20
1991	1517	1508	137	37
1331	1517	1500	-5.	-

<sup>\*</sup>These figures are reduced by the number of complaints referred to other committee for action.

Committee on Profe	ssional Standards,	Third Departmen	t	
1982	630	568	50	14
1983	<b>7</b> 60	<i>7</i> 50	64	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
1989	1235	1237	63	13
1990	1374	1322	89	. 28
1991	1411	1326	121	40
Grievance Committe	ee for the Fifth Jud	icial District, Four	th Department	
1982	340	338	9	0
1983	373	389	5	
1984	420	430	6	5 0 2 3 5 3 8 6
1985	568	566	0	2
1986	448	442	11	3
1987	. 385	382	1	5
1988	435	419	7	3
1989	406	404	2	8
1990	423	439	9	6
1991	453	400	12	0
Grievance Committe	ee for the Seventh ]	Judicial District, F	ourth Department	
1982	317	304	10	5
1983	418	400	14	5
1984	528	451	20	5 2 2 5 5 7
1985	424	441	24	2
1986	355	413	10	5
1987	602	467	14	5
1988	571	535	12	7
1989	535	566	17	6
1990	516	469	19	5
1991	486	472	15	3
Grievance Committe	ee for the Eighth Ju	Idicial District, Fo	urth Department	
	001	0.00		•
1982	901	868	13	3
1983	1380	1267	8	5
1984	1136	1024	0	5 3 1
1985	1174	927	18	1
1986	1092	790	39	6
1987	1194	1143	36 15	9
1988 .	1625	1699	15	4
1989	1366	1398	7	0
1990	<b>720</b>	1208	<b>40</b>	9 9
1991	991	903	50	9

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Statis	stical Reports of Discip	olinary Committees
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## Departmental Disciplinary Committee for the First Department

#### Matters Processed:\* I.

	В.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991 New Matters Received During Period	1222 2800	
	C.	Closed Matters Reactivated During Period	0	1000
	D.	Total Matters To Be Processed During Period		4022
	E.	Total Matters Disposed of During Period		2745
	F.	Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991		1277
			CASES:	MATTERS:
и.	Ma	tters Disposed of By Committee		
		Delegand on Politics to State a Complaint	780	780
	A.	Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint	457	457
		Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees/Agencies	1261	1261
		Dismissed	22	23
		Letter of Caution	113	129
		Letter of Admonition	3	3
		Reprimand After Hearing	22	92
	I.	Referred to Appellate Division Total Disposed of During Period	2658	2745
	1.	Total Disposed of During Leriou		
ш.	Ca	ses Processed in All Courts:		
	Α.	Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 1991		62
		Disciplinary Proceedings	40	
		2. Other	22	
	_	C. Post and Domina Period		116
	В.	Cases Received During Period	<b>7</b> 5	220
		<ol> <li>Disciplinary Proceedings</li> <li>Other</li> </ol>	41	
		2. Other	-21	
	C.	Total To Be Processed During Period		178
	D.	Cases Closed		
		1. Disbarred		11
		2. Resigned**		3
		3. Suspended***		25
		4. Censured		4
		5. Privately Censured		1
		6. Remanded to Grievance Committee		12
		7. Discontinued		4
		8. Dismissed		2
		9. Reinstatements Granted		5
		10. Reinstatements Denied		5
		11. All Other Dispositions		60
		12. Total Closed		132
	_	Total Comp Bonding of End of Borind		46
	E.	Total Cases Pending at End of Period	32	10
		Disciplinary Proceedings     Other	32 14	
		2. Other	T-X	

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.

Contains one unpublished resignation.

Thirteen of the suspensions are interim suspensions and one is an indefinite suspension not previously reported.

## $Grievance\ Committee\ for\ the\ Second\ and\ Eleventh\ Judicial\ Districts\ of\ the\ Second\ Department$

### I. Matters Processed:

	<ul> <li>A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991</li> <li>B. New Matters Received During Period</li> <li>C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period</li> <li>D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period</li> <li>E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period</li> <li>F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991</li> </ul>	803 1710 36	2549 1669 880
		CASES:	MATTERS:
п.	Matters Disposed of by Committee:		
	<ul> <li>A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint</li> <li>B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees</li> <li>C. Referred to Other Agencies</li> <li>D. Dismissed or Withdrawn</li> <li>E. Letter of Caution (or Education)</li> <li>F. Letter of Admonition</li> <li>G. Admonition (or Reprimand)</li> <li>H. Referred to Appellate Division</li> <li>I. Total Disposed of During Period</li> </ul>	443 521 14 350 146 41 1 44	443 521 14 350 146 62 2 131 1669
III.	Cases Processed in All Courts:		
	<ul> <li>A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 1991</li> <li>1. Disciplinary Proceedings</li> <li>2. Other</li> <li>B. Cases Received During Period</li> </ul>	104 62 42 69	265 223 42 110
	<ol> <li>Disciplinary Proceedings</li> <li>Other</li> </ol>	30 39	71 39
	C. Total To Be Processed During Period	173	375
	<ol> <li>D. Cases Closed</li> <li>Disbarred</li> <li>Resigned</li> <li>Suspended</li> <li>Censured</li> <li>Privately Censured</li> <li>Remanded to Grievance Committee</li> <li>Discontinued</li> <li>Dismissed</li> <li>Reinstatements Granted</li> <li>Reinstatements Denied</li> <li>All Other Dispositions</li> <li>Total Closed</li> </ol>	24 4 4 2 0 1 1 0 7 6 41 90	148 26 4 2 0 1 1 0 7 6 41 236
	<ul><li>E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period</li><li>1. Disciplinary Proceedings</li><li>2. Other</li></ul>	83 56 27	189 162 27

## Richmond County Bar Association Grievance Committee

I.	Matters Processed:	
	<ul> <li>A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991</li> <li>B. New Matters Received During Period</li> <li>C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period</li> <li>D. Total Matters to be Processed During Period</li> <li>E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period</li> <li>F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991</li> </ul>	18 63 1 82 61 21
II.	Matters Disposed of by Committee:	
Bro	A. Rejected as Failing to State Complaint B. Retained by District Disciplinary Committee C. Referred to Fee Conciliation Committee D. Judicially Settled E. In Litigation F. Closed by Appellate Division G. Referred to Commn. on Judicial Conduct H. Dismissed I. Letter of Caution J. Withdrawn K. Admonition (by district committee) L. Suspension (by district committee) M. Reprimand (by district committee) N. Disbarred O. Total Disposed of During Period	0 14 5 1 0 6 0 24 2 3 3 1 1 1
Matt	vance Files Received in 1991: ers disposed of: ers pending on December 31, 1991:	85 37 48
Fee I Sche Reso	Dispute Files Received in 1991: duled for hearings: olved: oplainants did not appear:	45 10 9 3 23
Qu	eens County Bar Association Grievance Committee	
With Lette Lette Adm Refe Refe Tabl		5.
Tota	l Matters Disposed of During Period:	7

## Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District of the Second Department

#### **Matters Processed:** I. A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991 369 B. New Matters Received During Period 1453 C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period 47 D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period 1869 E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period 1488 F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991 381 CASES: **MATTERS:** П. Matters Disposed of by Committee: A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint 495 B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees 449 C. Referred to Other Agencies 9 D. Dismissed or Withdrawn 329 E. Letter of Caution (or Education) 27 F. Letter of Admonition 20 G. Admonition (or Reprimand) 1 H. Referred to Appellate Division 50 158 I. Total Disposed of During Period 1488 Cases Processed in All Courts: III. A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 1991 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 47 122 2. Other 0 0 B. Cases Received During Period 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 50 158 2. Other 0 0 C. Total To Be Processed During Period 97 280 D. Cases Closed 1. Disbarred 13 87 2. Resigned 4 23 3. Suspended 16 36 4. Censured 1 1 5. Privately Censured 0 0 6. Remanded to Grievance Committee 2 3 7. Discontinued 0 0 8. Dismissed 0 0 9. Reinstatements Granted 2 11 10. Reinstatements Denied 1 1 11. All Other Dispositions 10 18 12. Total Closed 49 180 E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 100 48 2. Other 0 0

## **Dutchess County Bar Association Grievance Committee**

## Appellate Division, Second Department, Ninth Judicial District

I.	Mat	ters Processed:	
	A.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991	4
	В.	New Matters Received During Period	39
	Ċ.	Closed Matters Reactivated During Period	0
	D.	Total Matters to be Processed During Period	43
	E.	Total Matters Disposed of During Period	39
	F.	Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991	4
II.	Mat	ters Disposed of by Committee:	
	A.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint	1
	B.	Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees	10
	C.	Referred to Other Agencies	1
	D.	Dismissed	. 24
	E.	Dismissed with Cautionary Language	2
	F.	Letter of Caution	2
	G.	Letter of Admonition	0
	H.	Reprimand	0
	I.	Total Disposed of During Period	39
Ap <sub>l</sub>	•	e Division, Second Department, Ninth Judicial District	
	A	Mattern Pending on Jan 1 1001	51
	A. B.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991 New Matters Received During Period	58
	C.	Closed Matters Reactivated During Period	0
	D.	Total Matters to be Processed During Period	109
	E.	Total Matters Disposed of During Period	61
	F.	Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991	48
II.		tters Disposed of by Committee:	
		District Constitution	
	A.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint	25
	B.	Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees	(
	C.	Referred to Other Agencies (White Plains handling)	27
	D.	Dismissed Dismissed with Cautionary Language	5
	E.	Dismissed with Cautionary Language Letter of Caution	Č
	F. G.	Letter of Admonition	Č
	H. I.	Reprimand Total Disposed of During Period	61

## Putnam County Bar Association Grievance Committee

## Appellate Division, Second Department, Ninth Judicial District

I.	Ma	tters Processed:	
	A.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991	;
	В.	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, 1991	=
II.	Ma	tters Disposed of by Committee:	
	A.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint	į
	B.	Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees	3
	C.	Referred to Other Agencies	í
	D.	Dismissed	Č
	E.	Dismissed with Cautionary Language	ì
	F.	Letter of Caution	ì
	G.	Letter of Admonition	Č
	H.	Reprimand	,
	I.	Total Disposed of During Period	5
rpr I.		e Division, Second Department, Ninth Judicial District	
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	Α.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991	14
	B.	New Matters Received During Period	42
	C.	Closed Matters Reactivated During Period	C
	D.	Total Matters to be Processed During Period	56
	E.	Total Matters Disposed of During Period	35
	F.	Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991	21
II.	Mat	-	
		ters Disposed of by Committee:	
	Α.	ters Disposed of by Committee:  Rejected as Failing to State Complaint	C
	A. B.	•	0
	В. С.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint	3
	B.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees Referred to Other Agencies Dismissed	
	B. C. D. E.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees Referred to Other Agencies	3 0 29
	B. C. D.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees Referred to Other Agencies Dismissed	3 0 29
-	B. C. D. E.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees Referred to Other Agencies Dismissed Dismissed with Cautionary Language	3 0 29 · 2
-	B. C. D. E. F.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees Referred to Other Agencies Dismissed Dismissed with Cautionary Language Letter of Caution	3 0 29

## Westchester County Bar Association Grievance Committee

## Appellate Division, Second Department, Ninth Judicial District

T	Mattere	Processed:	

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	Α.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991	91
	B.	New Matters Received During Period	182
	C.	Closed Matters Reactivated During Period	0
	D.	Total Matters to be Processed During Period	273
	E.	Total Matters Disposed of During Period	189
	F.	Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991	84
II.	Mat	ters Disposed of by Committee:	
	A.	Rejected as Failing to State Complaint	11
	B.	Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees	1
	C.	Referred to Other Agencies	0
	D.	Dismissed	127
	E.	Dismissed with Cautionary Language	2
	F.	Letter of Caution	0
	G.	Letter of Admonition	0
	H.	Reprimand	0
	ī	Withdrawn	48
	ī.	Total Disposed of During Period	189

## Grievance Committee for the Tenth Judicial District of the Second Department

## I. Matters Processed:

	<ul> <li>A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991</li> <li>B. New Matters Received During Period</li> <li>C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period</li> <li>D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period</li> <li>E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period</li> <li>F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991</li> </ul>	819 1977 77	2873 2045 828
	3	CASES:	MATTERS:
п.	Matters Disposed of by Committee:		
	<ul> <li>A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint</li> <li>B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees</li> <li>C. Referred to Other Agencies</li> <li>D. Dismissed or Withdrawn</li> <li>E. Letter of Caution (or Education)</li> <li>F. Letter of Admonition</li> <li>G. Admonition (or Reprimand)</li> <li>H. Referred to Appellate Division</li> <li>I. Total Disposed of During Period</li> </ul>	789 525 12 463 79 46 2 42 1958	789 525 12 463 83 52 2 119 2045
III.	Cases Processed in All Courts:		
	<ul><li>A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 1991</li><li>1. Disciplinary Proceedings</li><li>2. Other</li></ul>	72 63 9	255 246 9
	<ul><li>B. Cases Received During Period</li><li>1. Disciplinary Proceedings</li><li>2. Other</li></ul>	47 30 17	72 54 17
	C. Total To Be Processed During Period	119	327
	D. Cases Closed 1. Disbarred 2. Resigned 3. Suspended 4. Censured 5. Privately Censured 6. Remanded to Grievance Committee 7. Discontinued 8. Dismissed 9. Reinstatements Granted 10. Reinstatements Denied 11. All Other Dispositions 12. Total Closed	15 3 15 4 0 3 3 6 0 2 12 63	114 25 49 14 0 6 3 7 0 2 12 228
	<ul><li>E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period</li><li>1. Disciplinary Proceedings</li><li>2. Other</li></ul>	57 54 3	99 96 3

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

I.

M	atters Processed:		
A.	Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991	554	
	New Matters Received During Period	1474	
	Closed Matters Reactivated During Period	35	
D.	Total Matters To Be Processed During Period	·	20
	Total Matters Disposed of During Period		· 14
	Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991		6
		CASES:	MATTER

	C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period	35	2063
	E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period		1424
	F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991		639
		CASES:	MATTERS:
п.	Matters Disposed of by Committee:		
	A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint	744	787
	B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees	89	92
	C. Referred to Other Agencies	6	6
	D. Dismissed or Withdrawn	324	348
	E. Letter of Caution (or Education)	41	42
	F. Letter of Admonition	47	57
	G. Admonition (or Reprimand)	18	22
	H. Referred to Appellate Division	52	70
	I. Total Disposed of During Period	1321	1424
III.	Cases Processed in All Courts:		
	A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 1991		
	1. Disciplinary Proceedings	9	34
	2. Other	5	5
	B. Cases Received During Period		
	Disciplinary Proceedings	32	69
	2. Other	52	58
	C. Total To Be Processed During Period	84	127
	D. Cases Closed		
	1. Disbarred	4	. 5
	2. Resigned	26	27
	3. Suspended	7	11
	4. Censured	3	5
	5. Privately Censured	0	0
	6. Remanded to Grievance Committee	11	21
	7. Discontinued	1	1
	8. Dismissed	0	0
	9. Reinstatements Granted	8	8
	10. Reinstatements Denied	0	0
	11. All Other Dispositions	14	17
	12. Total Closed	74	95
	E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period	· 24	71
	1. Disciplinary Proceedings	17	<u>61</u>
	2. Other	<b>7</b> '	10

#### Grievance Committee for the Fifth Judicial District of the Fourth Department

#### I. Matters Processed: A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991 100 B. New Matters Received During Period 488 C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period 9 D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period 597 E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period 444 F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991 153 CASES: **MATTERS:** П. Matters Disposed of by Committee: A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint 165 169 B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees 39 39 C. Referred to Other Agencies 5 5 D. Dismissed or Withdrawn 194 207 E. Letter of Caution (or Education) 7 8 F. Letter of Admonition 4 4 G. Admonition (or Reprimand) N/A N/A H. Referred to Appellate Division 11 12 I. Total Disposed of During Period 425 444 III. Cases Processed in All Courts: A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 1991 1 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 0 2. Other 1 B. Cases Received During Period 11 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 6 2. Other 5 C. Total To Be Processed During Period 12 D. Cases Closed 1. Disbarred 0 2. Resigned 0 3. Suspended 0 4. Censured 0 5. Privately Censured 0 6. Remanded to Grievance Committee 4 7. Discontinued 0 8. Dismissed 0 9. Reinstatements Granted 2 10. Reinstatements Denied 0 11. All Other Dispositions 1 12. Total Closed 7 E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period 5 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 3 2. Other 2

## Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District of the Fourth Department

#### I. Matters Processed: 281 A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991 485 B. New Matters Received During Period C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period 14 780 D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period 485 E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period 295 F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991 **MATTERS:** CASES: Matters Disposed of by Committee: Π. 239 216 A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint 12 B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees 12 1 1 C. Referred to Other Agencies 204 173 D. Dismissed or Withdrawn 14 11 E. Letter of Caution (or Education) 1 1 F. Letter of Admonition N/A N/A G. Admonition (or Reprimand) 14 6 H. Referred to Appellate Division 485 420 I. Total Disposed of During Period Cases Processed in All Courts: 7 A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 1991 6 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 1 2. Other 6 B. Cases Received During Period 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 2 2. Other 13 C. Total To Be Processed During Period D. Cases Closed 0 1. Disbarred 0 2. Resigned 2 3. Suspended 1 4. Censured 0 5. Privately Censured 0 6. Remanded to Grievance Committee 0 7. Discontinued 0 8. Dismissed 1 9. Reinstatements Granted 1 10. Reinstatements Denied 0 11. All Other Dispositions 5 12. Total Closed 8 E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period 7 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 1 2. Other

#### Grievance Committee for the Eighth Judicial District of the Fourth Department

#### I. Matters Processed: 520 A. Matters Pending on Jan. 1, 1991 B. New Matters Received During Period 926 C. Closed Matters Reactivated During Period 90 1536 D. Total Matters To Be Processed During Period E. Total Matters Disposed of During Period 928 F. Matters Pending on Dec. 31, 1991 608 CASES: **MATTERS:** П. Matters Disposed of by Committee: 418 461 A. Rejected as Failing to State a Complaint B. Referred to Other Disciplinary Committees 15 15 C. Referred to Other Agencies 1 10 D. Dismissed or Withdrawn 255 329 24 E. Letter of Caution (or Education) 41 F. Letter of Admonition 2 9 G. Admonition (or Reprimand) N/A N/A H. Referred to Appellate Division 35 63 Total Disposed of During Period 750 928 III. Cases Processed in All Courts: A. Cases Pending on Jan. 1, 1991 5 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 5 2. Other 0 B. Cases Received During Period 35 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 14 2. Other 21 C. Total To Be Processed During Period 40 D. Cases Closed Disbarred 3 2. Resigned 3 2 3. Suspended 1 4. Censured 5. Privately Censured 0 6. Remanded to Grievance Committee 0 0 7. Discontinued 8. Dismissed 1 9. Reinstatement Granted 3 0 10. Reinstatement Denied 3 11. All Other Dispositions 12. Total Closed 16 E. Total Cases Pending at End of Period 24 1. Disciplinary Proceedings 10 2. Other 14

## Disciplinary Decisions Reported by Appellate Division in 1991

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#### FIRST DEPARTMENT

Judiciary Law §90(4)(d) Daniel P. Holliman Censured (serious crime - 26 USC §7203, 164 AD2d 328 failure to file federal income tax returns [federal misdemeanor]). Judiciary Law §90(4)(d) Mark J. Weinstein **Interim Suspension** (serious crime - 26 USC §7201, 164 AD2d 647 filing a false tax return). 22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(1)(i) Interim Suspension Joseph R. Mack (willful failure to cooperate 164 Ad2d 702 in Committee investigation). 22 NYCRR §603.3 (discipline Luis Oscar Beltre Censured in a foreign jurisdiction [New 165 AD2d 100 Jersey 3 month suspension]). DR 1-102(A)(4), (6) (conver-Disbarred Steven R. Wechsler sion of client funds). 165 AD2d 39 22 NYCRR §603.16(b)(1) **Indefinite Suspension** Thomas J.P. Courtney (mental incapacity). 165 AD2d 136 Judiciary Law §90(4)(d) Interim Suspension Stephen N. Cea (serious crime - 18 UCS §§ 2, 165 AD2d 197 656, embezzlement). Judiciary Law §90(4)(b) Stricken Mario L. Bejasa, Jr. (felony conviction - 18 USC 165 AD2d 397 §1001, making false statements; 18 UCS §371, conspriacy to defraud; 18 USC §1505, obstruction of justice). 22 NYCRR §603.3 (discipline **Indefinite Suspension** Dorothy Graham in foreign jurisdiction [Tennes-165 AD2d 420 see suspension]). DR 9-102(A) (commingling Censured Daniel H. Greenberg client funds). 165 AD2d 424 22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(1)(i) Interim Suspension J. Nicholas Tlaga (willful failure to cooperate 165 AD2d 494 with Committee's investigation of professional misconduct).

Note: This is a listing of disciplinary decisions rendered by the Appellate Division in 1991; unless otherwise indicated, the listing does not cover any subsequent action which may have been taken by the Appellate Division.

Sanford Postel Stricken Judiciary Law  $\S90(4)(a)$ , (e) 165 AD2d 474 (felony conviction - Penal Law §155.40[1], grand larceny, 2d degree; Penal Law §170.10[1], forgery, 2d degree; Penal Law §170.25, criminal possession of a forged instrument, 2d degree; Penal Law §155.35, grand larceny, 3d degree). John J. Sullivan Interim Suspension 22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(1)(i), 165 AD2d 595 (iii) (willful failure to cooperate with Committee's investigation of professional misconduct; other uncontroverted evidence of professional misconduct). George W. Nash Suspended 1 year effective DR 1-102(A)(4),(5),(6) (com-166 AD2d 84 5/30/91 mission of fraud upon the Court). Israel I. Sylvan Disbarred 22 NYCRR §603.15, DR 9-166 AD2d 20 102(B)(3) (failure to account); DR 1-102(A)(4), (6) (conversion of client's funds); DR 9-102(A) (commingling). Irving Markowitz (admitted Stricken on Consent 22 NYCRR §603.11 (resignaas Isidore Markowitz) tion of attorney under inves-166 AD2d 1 tigation). Reuben A. Katz Stricken Judiciary Law §90(4)(b) (felo-165 AD2d 635 ny conviction - Penal Law §155.35, grand larceny 3d degree [class "D" felony]). Seymour Fenichel Stricken Judiciary Law §90(4)(b) (felo-167 AD2d 58 ny conviction - Penal Law §155.40, grand larceny 2d degree [class "C" felony]; Penal Law §175.35, offering a false instrument for filing [class "E" felony]). Mark L. Fishbein (admitted Suspended 3 years effective DR 1-102(A)(4), (5), (6) (conas Mark Lewis Fishbein) 1/31/88 version, dishonesty and 167 AD2d 85 fraud); DR 9-102(A) (failure to preserve identity of client

funds).

Charles S. Horgan 168 AD2d 28	Disbarred	DR 1-102(A)(4), (6) (misrepresentation); DR 1-102(A)(5) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect); DR 7-101 (A)(2), (3) (breach of contract of employment); DR 2-110 (A)(3) and DR 9-102(B)(4) (failure to return unearned portion of fee); DR 2-110(A) (2) (withdrawal from representation without notice; failure to return client property; DR 2-102(C)(holding oneself out as a partner).
Kenneth Frederick Anderson 168 AD2d 59	Suspended 2 years effective 7/1/91	DR 9-102(A), 22 NYCRR \$603.15 (commingling); DR 1-102 (A)(4), (6) (conversion, dishonesty & fraud, conduct adversely reflecting on fitness to practice law); DR 9-102 (B)(1), (3), (4) (failure to keep proper records, failure to render accounting or return client property on demand).
Robert B. Levine 168 AD2d 116	Suspended 3 years effective 6/28/88	Judiciary Law §90(4)(d) (serious crime - 26 USC §7206 [2], aiding client in filing false corporate income tax return).
Norman Robbins 169 AD2d 6	Censured	22 NYCRR §603.3 (discipline in a foreign jurisdiction [New Jersey - public reprimand]; DR 1-102 (A)(4), (5) (dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).
Joel Winograd 169 AD2d 146	Suspended 6 months, retroactive to 7/27/89	Judiciary Law §90(4)(d) (serious crime - 26 USC §7201, attempt to evade income tax).
George A. Pins (admitted as George Arnold Pins) 169 AD2d 166	Interim Suspension	22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(1)(i) & (iii) (suspension pending disposition of disciplinary matters, uncontroverted evidence of professional misconduct).
J. James Bambury (admitted as John James Bambury) 169 AD2d 168	Suspended 7 years, nunc pro tunc as of 11/21/85	DR 1-102(A)(4) (conversion).

Dumas Gabbriellini (admit-Interim Suspension 22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(1)(i) ted as Dumas Gabbriellini, (suspension pending resolution Jr.) of charges; failure to cooper-169 AD2d 158 ate with Committee in its investigation). Bernard Sennet Stricken on Censent 22 NYCRR §603.11 (resigna-169 AD2d 78 tion of attorney under investigation). Steven J. Romer Interim Suspension 22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(1)(i) & 169 AD2d 97 (iii) (suspension pending resolution of charges; failure to cooperate in Committee's investigation and uncontroverted evidence of misconduct). Harold L. King, Jr. Interim Suspension 22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(1)(i) 169 AD2d 94 (failure to cooperate with Committee's investigation). Irving Kurtz **Interim Suspension** 22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(1)(i) & 170 AD2d 1 (iii) (willful failure to cooperate with Committee's investigation and other uncontroverted evidence of professional misconduct [DR 1-102] (A)(4),(6) (conversion)]). Richard M. Biaggi (admitted Diabarment vacated; Indefi-Judiciary Law §90(5)(a) (vaas Richard Mario Biaggi) nite Suspension pending final catur of disbarment order [bri-170 AD2d 139 sanction bery and mail fraud convictions dismissed on appeal]); Judiciary Law §90(4)(d) (serious crime - 26 USC §7206, filing false tax return). Stephen A. Geiger Disbarred DR 1-102(A)(4), (6) (conver-170 AD2d 134 sion of client funds). Seymour Breiterman Suspended 5 years, nunc pro Judiciary Law §90(4)(d) (seri-170 AD2d 162 tunc as of 1/9/90 ous crime - 18 USC §201(c)(1) (A), giving an unlawful gratuity to a public official; 26 USC §7201, filing false income tax return). Ronald I. Parker Suspended 6 months, effective 22 NYCRR §603.3 (reciprocal 169 AD2d 366 8/26/91 discipline [New Jersey]; DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect); DR 7-101(A)(2) (failure to carry out contract of employment).

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Elliot J. Stein 171 AD2d 202	Interim Suspension	22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(1)(i) & (iii) (suspension pending resolution of charges: failure to cooperate in Committee's investigation, uncontroverted evidence of misconduct).
Paul C. Butler (admitted as Paul Claude Butler) 171 AD2d 210	Stricken on Consent	22 NYCRR §603.11 (resignation of attorney under investigation).
Harvey Goldstein 576 NYS2d 788	Interim Suspension (vacated nunc pro tunc order of 12/10/91)	Judiciary Law §90(4)(d), 22 NYCRR §603.12 (b) (serious crime - Judiciary Law §§750, 751, 755, criminal contempt of court).
Richard T. Petty (admitted as Richard Thomas Petty) 171 AD2d 283	Disbarred	DR 1-102(A)(4), (6) [now DR 1-102(A)(7)] (conversion of client funds); 22 NYCRR §603.15 (a) (commingling client funds); DR 9-102(B)(4) (failure to pay or deliver client funds); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect); DR 9-102(B)(3) (failure to account); DR 1-102 (A)(5), (6) [now DR 1-102(A) (7)] (failure to produce escrow records to Committee); 22 NYCRR §603.13, DR 1-102 (A)(5), DR 1-102(A)(6) [now DR 1-102(A)(7)] (failure to file affidavit of compliance).
Andrews Bruce Campbell 172 AD2d 141	Disbarred .	Judiciary Law §90(4)(d) (serious crime - 21 USC §§ 841 (a) (1)(D), 846, 18 USC §2, conspiracy to possess marijuana; 21 USC §§841 (a)(1), 841 (b) (1)(D), 18 USC §2, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute).
Nancy L. Kourland 172 AD2d 77	Stricken	Judiciary Law §90(4)(b) (felony conviction - 21 USC §841, unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute).
Leonard Howard Rubin 174 AD2d 38	Interim Suspension	22 NYCRR §603.4(e)(1)(iii) (suspension to protect public interest based on uncontroverted evidence of serious professional misconduct).

Mitchell Bedell 174 AD2d 52

Suspended 3 years

Judiciary Law §90(4)(d) (serious crime - Penal Law §170.05, forgery, 3d degree [class "A" misdemeanor]).

## SECOND DEPARTMENT

### (Second and Eleventh Judicial Districts)

Earl G. Thompson 164 AD2d 453

Disbarred

Misrepresented identity to clients; neglected matters of six clients; created and submitted false, fraudulent and forged documents to Grievance Committee; failed to comply with judicial subpoena; failed to respond to lawful inquiry of Grievance Committee.

Alvin Tahlor 164 AD2d 510

Disbarred

Converted clients' funds; gave false and misleading testimony at examination before trial re-lating thereto; failed to keep accurate and complete

escrow records.

Florieto Amante 164 AD2d 528

Resigned

Converted clients' funds; commingled clients' funds; failed to cooperate with Grievance Committee; failed to submit escrow records; disobeyed a judicial subpoena; convicted of serious crime (Judiciary

Law §90[4][d]).

David Kweller 165 AD2d 391

Disbarred

Convicted of felony.

Joel S. Rose 165 AD2d 400 Disbarred

Convicted of second degree rape in Washington.

John J. O'Keefe 165 AD2d 422

Resigned

Misappropriated clients' money; failed to account for assets of estate entrusted to

him.

Dennis M. Beck 165 AD2d 628

Resigned

Convicted of failure to file tax information form.

Jeffrey Stern 166 AD2d 4	Resigned	Converted clients' funds.
Joseph A. Tracy 166 AD2d 17	Resigned	Converted clients' funds; improperly entered into business transactions with two clients; knowingly submitted document containing false statements to court; failed to pay judgments; violated fiduciary duties as trustee.
Paul S. Mirman 167 AD2d 60	Disbarred	Neglected eight personal injury matters; engaged in pattern of gross neglect over many years; blatantly disregarded rights of clients.
Thomas Lukas 167 AD2d 83	Resigned	Failed to forward funds to clients representing their share of an inheritance.
John J. Scotto 167 AD2d 89	Disbarred	Convicted in California of felony possession of forged instrument.
H. Henry Schulman 167 AD2d 91	Censured	Neglect of legal matter.
John Piastra 167 AD2d 95	Disbarred	Convicted of felony.
John R. Grant 167 AD2d 97	Resigned	Converted escrow funds.
Robert E. Johnson 168 AD2d 7	Disbarred	Converted client funds; commingled client funds; submitted false affidavit to Civil Court; neglected legal matters; failed to communicate with clients; failed to cooperate with Grievance Committee.
Anthony S. Caronna 168 AD2d 23	Resigned	Mishandled client funds.
Charles J. Walker 168 AD2d 66	Disbarred	Convicted in Minnesota of felony of theft of public records.
Anthony Ferraro 168 AD2d 68	Disbarred	Convicted of two counts of criminal solicitation, fourth degree.

Basil Apostle 169 AD2d 80	Suspended three years	Improperly acquired proprietary interest in subject matter of litigation in conflict with interests of client; intentionally failed to carry out contract of employment by failing to follow client's specific directions, which prejudiced or damaged client.
Dennis W. Gallagher 169 AD2d 148	Resigned	Overdraft on escrow account.
Jerald D. Werlin 170 AD2d 77	Censured	Convicted of serious crime of criminal contempt; engaged in undignified and discourteous conduct which was degrading to tribunal.
Jose A. Rivera 170 AD2d 178	Disbarred	Neglected clients' matters; converted and commingled clients' funds; pressured client to lend him money which he failed to repay.
Edward Horn	Interim Suspension	Admissions under oath; uncontroverted evidence of professional misconduct.
Joseph Guarino	Interim Suspension	Failed to answer complaint; uncontroverted evidence of professional misconduct.
John W. Casey	Interim Suspension	Failed to cooperate.
R. Scott Daly	Interim Suspension	Failed to answer two complaints.
Indar Singh	Interim Suspension	Failed to appear to give testimony.
Simeon Greenaway	Interim Suspension (Reinstated 7/15/91)	Failed to answer complaints.
Lloyd Jonathan Manning	Interim Suspension	Uncontroverted evidence of conversion; failed to comply with lawful demands of grievance committee.
Richard P. Perrin	Interim Suspension	Convicted of serious crime.
Steven Rosenbluth	Interim Suspension	Uncontroverted evidence of professional misconduct.

Harvey Sorid	Interim Suspension	Failed to comply with lawful demands of Grievance Committee.
Robert J. Clark	Interim Suspension	Failed to answer complaint.
Maureen Ann Sockett	Interim Suspension (Reinstated 8/29/91)	Failed to answer complaint.
Peter G. Smith	Interim Suspension	Failed to answer complaint.
John J. Kim	Interim Suspension	Uncontroverted evidence of professional misconduct.
Paul E. Keith	Interim Suspension	Failed to comply with lawful demand of Grievance Committee for escrow records.
Harold V. Marcus 171 AD2d 4	Resigned	Mishandled client funds; failed to maintain adequate bookkeeping records for escrow.
Rudolph Klenosky	Indefinite Suspension	Medical disability.
Sy L. Rolnick 171 AD2d 29	Disbarred	Converted clients' funds; commingled client funds; gave false and misleading statements to Grievance Committee; submitted altered and misleading bank records to Grievance Committee; failed to maintain complete and accurate escrow records.
Hector Rosado 171 AD2d 6	Disbarred	Accepted bribes while an Administrative Law Judge.
John P. Greeley 171 AD2d 40	Disbarred	Convicted of felony in Kentucky.
Andrew P. Tivoli 171 AD2d 10	Disbarred	Converted client funds; sub- mitted false and misleading answer to Grievance Com- mittee; gave false and mis- leading testimony to Grie- vance Committee.
Ronald J. Glick 171 AD2d 24	Disbarred	Convicted of felony.

Michael Entes Suspended 5 years Conduct involving dishones-171 AD2d 42 ty, fraud, deceit and misrepresentation; improper conflict of interest. Lloyd Jonathan Manning Resigned Converted client funds; failed 171 AD2d 56 to comply with lawful demands of Grievance Commit-Edward J. Tighe Suspended 1 year Failed to cooperate with 171 AD2d 116 Grievance Committee. Andrew J. Jenkins Disbarred Convicted of two federal 171 AD2d 113 felonies. Disbarred Norman Gersman Failed to answer complaints; 171 AD2d 37 failed to comply with a judicial subpoena and subpoena duces tecum; failed to provide escrow records; failed to file affidavit of compliance. Norman F. Russakoff Interim Suspension (Stayed Uncontroverted evidence of by Court of Appeals) professional misconduct. Andrew S. Fisher Censured Convicted of serious crime (failed to file tax returns). William Jacobs Interim Suspension Failed to comply with lawful demands of Grievance Committee. Frank J. Verderame Suspended 1 year Commingled client funds; failed to maintain required records. Douglas M. Carter Interim Suspension Failed to comply with lawful demands of Grievance Committee. Michael Edward Zadan Disbarred Convicted of a felony in California. (Ninth Judicial District) Vincent M. Brennan Interim Suspension 22 NYCRR 691.4(1) (substantial admission under oath). Kenneth E. Bruce Motion to reargue or renew, or

for leave to appeal denied.

Kenneth	E. Bruce
77 NY2d	986

Motion for leave to appeal denied.

Patrick W. Cukierski

Interim Suspension

22 NYCRR 691.4(1) (substantial admissions under oath and uncontroverted evidence; disciplinary proceeding authorized.

Raymond A. D'Alvia 168 AD2d 71 Disbarred

DR 9-102(A),(B) (commingling, conversion, failure to account); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect); DR 1-102(A)(6) (conduct adversely reflecting on fitness to practice law, failure to communicate); 22 NYCRR 691.4(1)(failure to communicate).

Bertram S. Devorsetz 171 AD2d 322 Disbarred (Resigned)

Judiciary Law §486 (practicing law while suspended).

John C. DiPirro 169 AD2d 124 Disbarred (Resigned)

DR 9-102(A),(B),(C) (commingling, conversion, failure to account, improper release of escrow funds); 22 NYCRR 691.12(a),(b),(e),(f) (failure to maintain escrow account, failure to maintain records); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect); DR 1-102(A)(4),(6) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, conduct adversely reflecting on fitness to practice law, failure to communicate); 22 NYCRR 691.4(1)(failure to cooperate).

Kevin B. Swyer 171 AD2d 376 Suspended 3 years

DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect); DR 1-101(A)(4),(6)(conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, conduct advsersely reflecting on fitness to practice law, failure to communicate).

Paul J. Eckelman

**Interim Suspension** 

22 NYCRR 691.4(1) (substantial admissions under oath, uncontroverted evidence; disciplinary proceeding authorized).

William B. Falow Interim Suspension 22 NYCRR 691.4(1) (substantial admissions under oath: uncontroverted evidence; disciplinary proceeding authorized). William B. Falow Suspension Vacated Motion to reargue granted to extent suspension vacated. Henry S. Goldman Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4)(d) (con-165 AD2d 637 victed of Grand Larceny 2d Degree [Penal Law §155.40] and two counts of Grand Larceny 3d Degree [Penal Law §155.35]). Terry D. Grosselfinger Disbarred (Resigned) DR 9-102(A),(B) (comming-165 AD2d 412 ling, conversion); 22 NYCRR 691.4(1) (failure to cooperate). John J. Hayden Disbarred (Resigned) DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect); DR 168 AD2d 78 2-110 (improper withdrawal); DR 1-102(A)(6) (conduct adversely reflecting on fitness to practice law, failure to communicate, failure to limit engagements to 6 cases during period of suspension as he had advised court). William J. Holden Disbarred (Resigned) DR 9-102(B)(conversion). 165 AD2d 371 William E. Karamitis Interim Suspension 22 NYCRR 691.4(1) (substantial admissions under oath; disciplinary proceeding authorized). Martin Kent Interim Suspension Motion to vacate disbarment granted; previous interim suspension reinstated; respondent ordered to file answer to petition. Kenneth S. Knigin Motion for leave to appeal denied. Kenneth S. Knigin Leave to appeal denied. 155 AD2d 164

M. Thomas Kuriakose 171 AD2d 358 Disbarred

DR 1-102(A)(5),(7) (conduct prejudicial to administration of justice; conduct adversely reflecting on fitness to practice law; failure to communicate); 22 NYCRR 691.20 (failure to file retainer statement); DR 3-101(A) (aiding and abetting unauthorized practice of law); DR 6-101(A) (3) (neglect); Judiciary Law §486 (practicing while under suspension); 22 NYCRR 691.4 (1) (failure to cooperate).

Paul J. LeVine 165 AD2d 199

Disbarred (Resigned)

Respondent deceased, proceeding abated.

Denis J. McClure 168 AD2d 75 DR 1-102(A)(4),(5),(6) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; conduct prejudicial to administration of justice; conduct adversely reflecting on fitness to practice law); 22 NYCRR 691.4(1) (failure to cooperate); 22 NYCRR 691.10 (failure to file proof of compliance with prior suspension order).

John A. Manning 168 AD2d 81 Suspended 2 years

DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect); DR 1-102(A)(4),(6) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; conduct adversely reflecting on fitness to practice law; failure to communicate); 22 NYCRR 691.12(a),(b),(e),(f) (failure to maintain escrow account; failure to produce records); DR 9-102(B) (failure to account); 22 NYCRR 691.4(1) failure to cooperate).

Thomas K. Pedersen 165 AD2d 282 Disbarred

Judiciary Law §90(4) (convicted of Grand Larceny, 3d Degree [Penal Law §155.35]).

Howard Pitt

Interim Suspension

22 NYCRR 691.4(1) (failure to cooperate; disciplinary proceeding authorized).

DR 9-1032(A),(B) (conver-Peter Roth Disbarred sion/commingling; failure to 171 AD2d 366 account); 22 NYCRR 691.12 (a).(b) (failure to maintain escrow account). Doris L. Sassower 22 NYCRR 691.4(1) (failure to Interim Suspension comply with order of Court). Richard H. Scheck Suspended 1 year DR 3-101(A) (aiding and 171 AD2d 33 abetting unauthorized practice of law); DR 5-107(B) (allowing another to direct professional judgment); DR 1-102(A)(4),(6) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; conduct adversely reflecting on fitness to practice). Arthur J. Selkin Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4) (convicted of Grand Larceny, 2d 165 AD2d 221 Degree [Penal Law §155.40]). Peter W. Sluys Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4) (con-171 AD2d 8 victed of 3 counts Grand Larceny, 3d Degree [Penal Law §155.35] and Forgery, 2d Degree [Penal Law §170.10]). Michael J. Stella Interim Suspension Judiciary Law §90(4)(d), (f), (g) (serious crime; disciplinary proceeding authorized). Martyn Taub Disbarred (Resigned) 22 NYCRR 691.12(c) (failure 171 AD2d 349 to maintain records). Peter P. Tavolacci Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4) (con-171 AD2d 374 victed of Grand Larceny, 3d Degree [Penal Law §155.35]). Westervelt Kirkland Taylor Disbarred 22 NYCRR 691.3 (reciprocal 164 AD2d 699 discipline); Judiciary Law §468-a (failure to register); 22 NYCRR 691.4 (failure to cooperate). Howard M. Thaler Motion for reargument Suspension Vacated granted to extent suspension vacated. Howard M. Thaler Motion for reargument denied.

22 NYCRR 691.13(b) Edwin P. Tiihonen Indefinite Suspension (incapacitation). DR 1-102(A)(4) (conduct in-Disbarred Donald Van Cook volving dishonesty, fraud, 171 AD2d 58 deceit or misrepresentation forgery). 22 NYCRR 691.4 (uncontro-I. Peter Venezia Interim Suspension verted evidence; disciplinary proceeding authorized). DR 9-102(B) (conversion). Disbarred (Resigned) Harry Waitzman 164 AD2d 724 Leave to appeal denied. Richard Winkler DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect). Censured Morton H. Zucker 169 AD2d 141

#### (Tenth Judicial District)

Disbarred Judiciary Law §468-a (failure Matter of Adams to comply with registration); 174 AD2d 170 22 NYCRR 691.4(2) (failure to cooperate with grievance committee); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect of estate); DR 9-102 (A) (commingling of escrow funds); DR 1-102(A)(4) (overreaching); DR 1-102(A)(7) (default to allegations). DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect); DR Matter of Ansell Suspended 5 years 1-102(A)(4)(deceit of clients). 170 AD2d 171 Judiciary Law §90(4) (Felony Disbarred Matter of Bracken conviction [grand larceny 3d 153 AD2d 314 degree]). DR 6-101(A)(3) (gross neglect Suspended 5 years Matter of Berger of orphan's estate). 165 AD2d 71 DR 1-102(A)(4) (fraud and Matter of Blumberg Censured deceit); DR 1-102(A)(7) (con-171 AD2d 383

duct adversely reflecting on lawyer's fitness to practice

law).

Matter of Boxer Disbarred 22 NYCRR 691.4(1)1 (failure 165 AD2d 71 to cooperate with committee); DR 6-101(A)(3) (gross neglect of orphan's estate). Matter of Burns Disbarred DR 1-102(A)(7) (assault of 169 AD2d 162 another attorney, contempt of court); DR 8-102(B) (falsely accused judge); DR 7-108(D) (entertained jurors); DR 6-101 (A)(3) (neglect); 22 NYCRR 691.4(2)1 (failure to cooperate with grievance committee). Matter of Chase Motion for reinstatement 125 AD2d 515 denied. Matter of Cohen Censured 22 NYCRR 691.7(b) (Serious 155 AD2d 220 crime: convicted of one count of aggravated harassment, 2d degree, and two counts of aggravated harassment, 2d degree). Matter of Coiro Suspended Judiciary Law §90(4)(f) (Unpublished) (Convicted of serious crime). Matter of Cotter Suspended pending outcome of disciplinary proceeding. Matter of Crowley Resigned DR 9-102(D) (failure to main-165 AD2d 211 tain records); DR 9-102(A) (conversion and commingling). Matter of Cuti Motion for reinstatement denied. Matter of Dolan Disbarred DR 9-102(A) (Conversion). 168 AD2d 1 Matter of Domsky Disbarred 22 NYCRR 691.10 (practicing 160 AD2d 158 law after effective date of suspension). Matter of Dougherty Suspended 10/17/91; Judiciary Law §90(4)(1) (felodisbarred 6/15/92 ny conviction - attempted grand larceny).

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DR 9-102(A) (Conversion);

tion due to forgery).

DR 1-102(A)(4) (Dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresenta-

Disbarred

Matter of Franklin

168 AD2d 4

Motion to appeal denied. Matter of Franklin 78 NY2d 858 Suspended pending outcome of DR 1-102(A)(7) (failure to Matter of Fondulis disciplinary proceeding cooperate). Judiciary Law §90(4) (guilty Matter of Gelb Disbarred of Federal crimes recognised 85 AD2d 494 in New York as felonies [18 USC §2.844 (h),(i); Penal Law §150.0]). DR 9-102(A) (Conversion); Matter of Gill Resigned DR 1-102(A)(7) (Default to 167 AD2d 92 allegations). Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4)(a) (Fel-Matter of Goerlich ony conviction - grand larce-170 AD2d 106 ny, 4th degree). DR 9-102(A) (conversion); DR Matter of Gold Suspended 171 AD2d 106 1-102(A)(4) (dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation). Matter of Goldman Disbarred upon resignation 22 NYCRR 691.9, DR 6-101(A) (3) (acknowledged allega-151 AD2d 31 tions of neglect and failure to cooperate with grievance committee). Matter of Gullo Suspended 3 years, motion for DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect); 22 170 AD2d 167 reargument denied NYCRR 691.4(7) (failure to cooperate with grievance committee); DR 1-104(A)(2) failure to supervise); EC 8-5 (failure to disclose that a fraud had been perpetrated upon the court); DR 1-102(A) (4) (dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation).

Matter of Horowitz Censure and reinstatement Judiciary Law §90 (federal crime).

Appeal to Court of Appeals

affirmed, admonition upheld;

petition for certiorari denied.

DR 1-102(A)(6) (recklessly

made false accusations

against judge).

Matter of Holtzman

S.Ct. 648

78 NY2d 184, cert. denied 112

Matter of Humphrey 22 NYCRR 691.9; DR 9-102(A) Disbarred upon resignation 156 AD2d 37 (acknowledged allegations of commingling funds, using client's funds improperly and causing escrow account shortages). Matter of Hutchinson Suspended 2 years DR 1-102(A)(4) (dishonesty, 171 AD2d 26 fraud, deceit, misrepresentation due to overreaching, selfdealing, and violation of fiduciary duties and responsibilities). Matter of Isaacs Motion for leave to appeal 75 NY2d 706 denied Disbarred Matter of Kavanaugh DR 9-102(A) (conversion of 161 AD2d 89 client's funds); DR 6-101(A) (3) (neglect of legal matter). Matter of Kirkland Resigned DR 9-102(A) (conversion of 165 AD2d 497 client's funds); DR 1-102(A) (7) (conduct adversely reflecting on lawyer's fitness to practice due to default to allegations). Matter of Krol Censured DR 6-101(A)(3) (Neglect of a 167 AD2d 99 criminal appeal). Matter of Lopez Suspended Matter of Manning Disbarred DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect); 22 170 AD2d 142 NYCRR 691.2 (failure to cooperate with grievance committee); DR 1-102(A)(7) (conduct adversely reflecting on lawyer's fitness to practice law due to default in allegations). Matter of McCarthy Disbarred upon resignation DR 9-102(A)(conversions from 170 AD2d 142 estates). Matter of Miller Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4)(a) 170 AD2d 122 (convicted of felony). Matter of Miranne Interim Suspension 22 NYCRR 691.4(l) (failure to cooperate). Matter of Nolan Disbarred DR 9-102(A),(B) (conversion 170 AD2d 175 of funds and failure to maintain escrow account).

Judiciary Law §90(4) (felony Disbarred Matter of Papandon conviction - aiding and as-172 AD2d 109 sisting in the preparation of fraudulent federal excise tax returns); DR 1-102(A)(4). Judiciary Law §468-a (en-Matter of Pollard Suspended 1 year gaged in conduct involving 167 AD2d 48 fraud and failed to comply with attorney registration requirements). Disbarred DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect of Matter of Rasmussen estate matters); DR 1-102(A) 165 AD2d 262 (7) (failure to cooperate with grievance committee). Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4) (con-Matter of Rivers victed of felony - failure to 165 AD2d 649 file tax returns). DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglected Matter of Schimmel Suspended 3 years various legal matters); 22 166 AD2d 111 NYCRR 691.4(1) (failed to cooperate with grievance committee). DR 9-102(A)(conversion of Matter of Schneider Disbarred upon resignation 151 AD2d 212 funds); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect of legal matter); 22 NYCRR 691.4(I) (failed to cooperate with grievance committee). Suspended DR 9-102 (conversion of Matter of Speciner funds). Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4) (con-Matter of Stadtman victed of Class E felony of 171 AD2d 1 conspiracy 4th degree). 22 NYCRR 691.13 (physical Suspended Matter of Verplank inability to defend allegations). DR 9-102(A) (converted Matter of Weiss Disbarred escrow funds); DR 9-102(D) 171 AD2d 362 (failed to maintain adequate records).

Matter of Whelan 169 AD2d 71 Censured

Judiciary Law §90(4) (convicted of misdemeanors of driving while intoxicated and assault 3d degree).

## THIRD DEPARTMENT

Edward P. Abbott

Motion to reopen denied.

Edward P. Abbott

Contempt - \$500 fine

Edward P. Abbott 78 NY2d 1124

Appeal to Court of Appeals

dismissed.

Anonymous

Referred back to Committee

for letter of admonition.

DR 1-102(A)(5), (7)

(threatening client for filing inquiry with Committee).

Michael P. Barrett

Indefinite Suspension

Judiciary Law §90 (serious crime [Penal Law §§105.05,

210.35]).

William M. Burke

Indefinite Suspension

22 NYCRR 806.8 (failure to

comply with subpoena).

William M. Burke

Resignation rejected

Failed to comply with re-

quirements of 22 NYCRR

806.8.

Nicholas A. Cokely

**Indefinite Suspension** 

22 NYCRR 806.10(a) (incapa-

city to practice law).

Jonathan E. Cole

Application for reinstatement

granted.

Bruce H. Hardy

Suspended 2 years

DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect of real estate matter); DR 1-102 (A)(4),(5),(6) and DR 9-102 (A), (B)(1),(3) (conversion of client's funds); DR 1-102(A) (4),(6) (converting and diverting fees due his firm); DR 1-102(A)(6) (conduct adversely relecting on fitness to practice related to taking loans from clients); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglect of conservatorship).

DR 1-102(A)(4),(5),(7) and Suspended 6 months Wendell D. Harp DR 9-102(A),(B) (conversion of client funds); DR 6-101(A) (3) (neglect to file income tax returns on behalf of a trust). Resigned Resignation accepted in face William D. Krebs of motion to suspend pursuant to 22 NYCRR 806.10(a). Judiciary Law §90(4)(g) Bernard H. Lalone Indefinite Suspension (convicted of misdemeanors of Forgery, 3d degree [Penal Law §170.05] and Petit Larceny [Penal Law §155.25]). Bernard H. Lalone Disbarred Application to resign accepted pursuant to 22 NYCRR 806.8. Attorney under investigation did not contest allegations of misconduct involving the unauthorized cashing of checks and unauthorized withdrawals from a money market account on behalf of his clients in the amounts of \$21,210.73 and \$45,000, respectively. Judiciary Law §468-a, 22 Donald F. Larson Disbarred NYCRR 118.1 (failure to register as attorney and pay registration fee); DR 1-102(A) (5),(7) (failure to cooperate with Committee); 22 NYCRR 806.4(e) (failure to comply with court rule); DR 1-102(A) (4) (attempt to mislead and deceive Committee). Murray F. Lewis Motion for leave to appeal denied. Robert E. Martin Disbarred Judiciary Law §90(4)(a) (convicted of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon, 3d Degree). Robert G. Mazeau Censured 22 NYCRR 806.19 (reciprocal discipline based upon New Jersey reprimand).

John C. McDonald 174 AD2d 942	Censured	DR 1-102(A)(5), (6) (engaged in private practice of law while serving as full-time District Attorney in violation of County Law §700[8]; DR 1-102(A)(5), (6) (acted as recording secretary for county political committee).
James F. Mills	Application for reinstatement granted.	
Norman Nouskajian 174 AD2d 834	Disbarred	Resigned based upon Federal conviction (15 USC §77e (a)(1).
Michael Raphael	Application for reinstatement granted.	
G. Thomas Rea	Suspended 1 year	DR 6-101(A)(3)(neglect of legal matters); DR 1-102(A) (4),(5) (misleading and deceiving client).
Glenn C. Relyea	Censured	Judiciary Law §468-a, 22 NYCRR 118.1 (failure to register as attorney and pay registration fee); DR 1-102(A) (5) (failure to cooperate with Committee).
Sol Z. Rosen	Application for reinstatement granted.	
Thuryo A. Sneed	Suspended 18 months	22 NYCRR 806.19 (reciprocal discipline based upon Texas suspension).
David H. Swyer	Application for reinstatement granted.	ŧ
J. Paul Troue	Application for reinstatement granted.	

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22 NYCRR 806.19 (reciprocal discipline based upon New Jersey disbarment).

Application for reinstatement granted.

Disbarred

Harvey L. Weiss

Louis B. Youmans

#### FOURTH DEPARTMENT

(Fifth Judicial District)

George Stephen Getman

Application for reinstatement

granted.

Joseph F. Muto

Application for reinstatement

granted.

(Seventh Judicial District)

Arthur F. Turco

Application for reinstatement

denied.

Edward A. Kiley 170 AD2d 90

Censured

DR 1-102(A)(6) (engaged in conduct adversely reflecting on fitness to practice law); DR 5-101(A)(placed personal interests above those of clients in such a way as to affect his personal judgment).

David M. Gray 171 AD2d 190 Suspended 2 years

DR 1-102(A)(4) (engaged in conduct involving dishonesty and misrepresentation); DR 1-102(A)(5) (engaged in conduct prejudicial to administration of justice); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglected legal matters entrusted to him); DR 9-102(A) (comingled personal and client funds); DR 9-102(B)(3) (failed to maintain complete records of estate funds and to render prompt accountings concerning estate funds).

George W. Conaty, Jr. 172 AD2d 139

Suspended 1 year

Judiciary Law §90(4) (misdemeanor conviction[Tax Law

§1801]).

Michael B. Rudin 172 AD2d 115 Suspended 6 months

Judiciary Law §90(4) (misdemeanor conviction [26 USC

§7207]).

Ernest F. Ferullo

Application for reinstatement

granted.

(Eighth Judicial District)

Patrick E. Granger

Disbarred

Judiciary Law §90(4) (felony

conviction [Penal Law

§105.15]).

Richard H. Cataldi

Resigned

Oscar Smukler

Application for reinstatement

granted.

Floyd A. Young

Disbarred

DR 1-102(A)(4) (engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation); DR 1-102(A)(6) (unlawfully discriminated in the practice of law); DR 9-102(A) (commingled funds or property belonging to another person with his own); DR 9-102(B) (1) (failed to maintain in a separate account funds belonging in part to a client or third person and in part to the lawyer when the portion belonging to the lawyer is disputed

DR 1-102(A)(4) (engaged in

by the client).

Robert P. Johnson 168 AD2d 193

Suspended 3 years

conduct involving fraud and misrepresentation); former DR 1-102 (A)(6) (engaged in conduct that reflects adversely on his fitness to practice law); DR 6-101(A)(3) (neglected a legal matter entrusted to him); DR 7-101(A)(2) (failed to carry out a contract of employment entered into with a client for professional services); DR 7-101(A)(3) (prejudiced or damaged a client during the course of the professional relationship); DR 7-102(A)(5) (knowingly made false statement of fact or law).

David E. Hampton

Application for reinstatement granted.

James Michalek

Disbarred

Judiciary Law §90(4) (felony conviction [Penal Law

conviction [Penal Law §190.62, Gen. Bus. Law §352-

c(6), Gen. Bus. Law §352-

e(1)(a)]).

John F. Papsidero

Application for reinstatement

granted.

James A. W. McLeod

172 AD2d 131

Censured

DR 6-101(A)(3) (failed to

commuicate with clients, neglected responsibilities to them, misrepresented status

of clients' actions).

Donald W. Merritt

Resigned

Harry N. Stone

Suspended

22 NYCRR 1022.22(c).

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Attorney Discipline Budget Appropriations
(Fiscal 1991-1992)
and
Salaries of Disciplinary Staff
(March 1992)

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## First Department

## Second Department

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Title	Grade	March 1992	Title	Grade	March 1992
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Chief Attorney	34	\$77,998	(Second and Eleventh Judio	dai District	<b>?</b> /
Principal Attorney	30	60,992	Chi-C Attorners	32	\$81,929
Principal Attorney	30	63,196	Chief Attorney	30	68,411
Principal Attorney	30	63,196	Principal Attorney	25	45,042
Associate Attorney	27	50,157	Senior Attorney	27	52,135
Associate Attorney	27	50,157	Associate Attorney	27	58,687
Associate Attorney	27	54,724	Associate Attorney	27	60,665
Senior Attorney	25	45,042	Associate Attorney	18	30,930
Senior Attorney	25	48,712	Court Analyst		29,215
Associate Attorney	27	58,811	Grievance Examiner	17 14	26,916
Senior Attorney	25	45,042	Secretary		32,596
Administrative Secretary	17	38,343	Law Stenographer	14	
Court Assistant	16	26,139	Law Stenographer	14	24,644
Sr. App. Court Assistant	21	45,755	Senior Office Assistant	08	25,302
Grievance Examiner	17	31,823			
Court Analyst	18	30,930	1991-92 Appropriations:		.=04.040
Law Stenographer	14	32,596	Personal Service		\$591,810
Law Stenographer	14	26,916	Nonpersonal Service		<u>146,265</u>
Law Stenographer	14	25,780			
Law Stenographer	14	31,460		Total	\$738,075
Law Stenographer	14	32,596			
Law Stenographer	14	24,644	(Ninth Judicial District)		
Sr. Admin. Serv. Clerk	20	35,874			
Law Stenographer	14	25,780	Chief Attorney	32	\$81,929
Asst. Court Analyst	16	31,337	Principal Attorney	30	64,007
	08	19,187	Associate Attorney	27	52,135
Senior Office Typist	16	36,305	Associate Attorney	27	62,519
Assistant Court Analyst	09	19,306	Associate Attorney	27	54,724
Sr. App. Office Asst.	21	41,459	Grievance Examiner	17	29,215
Sr. App. Court Asst.	17	31,823	Secretary	14	15,162
Grievance Examiner	30	65,559	Secretary	14	16,866
Principal Attorney	27	52,135	Secretary	14	30,324
Associate Attorney	27 17	31,823	Law Stenographer	14	30,324
Grievance Examiner	17	31,023	Law Stellographer		•
1991-92 Appropriations:	•		1991-92 Appropriations:		
Personal Service		\$1,457,373	Personal Service		\$459,374
Nonpersonal Service		382,538	Nonpersonal Service		<u>196,300</u>
				T-1-1	\$655,674
	Total	\$1,839,911		Total	\$600,674
			(Tenth Judicial District)		
			Chief Attorney	32	\$84,277
			Chief Attorney	30	72,012
			Principal Attorney	27	52,668
			Associate Attorney	27	61,989
			Associate Attorney	·25	45,042
			Senior Attorney	25 27	50,690
			Associate Attorney	27	38,280
	•		Attorney		
			Grievance Examiner	17	40,535 25.780
			Law Stenographer	14	25,780 33,596
			Law Stenographer	14	32,596 32,596
			Law Stenographer	14	32,596
			Law Stenographer	14	30,324
			1991-92 Appropriations	:	
			Personal Service		\$572,467
			Nonpersonal Service		241,900
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				Total	\$814,367

# Third Department

Title	Grade	March 1992 Salary
Chief Attorney	32	\$79,085
Principal Attorney	30	58,788
Attorney	22	39,908
Appellate Court Clerk	18	35,798
Principal App. Office Asst.	13	28,372
Senior App. Office Steno.	10	23,971
Senior Office Stenographer	09	21,021
Attorney	22	39,908
Senior Office Stenographer	09	18,839
1991-92 Appropriations:		
Personal Service		\$339,109
Nonpersonal Service		101,495
•	Total	\$440,604

## Fourth Department

Title	Grade	March 1992 Salary
Chief Attorney	32	\$81,116
Principal Attorney	30	60,992
Principal Attorney	30	76,420
Principal Attorney	30	60,992
Associate Attorney	27	52,135
Law Stenographer	14	32,596
Principal Office Stenographer	12	26,072
Law Stenographer	14	33,732
Law Stenographer	14	32,596
Grievance Examiner	17	37,039
Grievance Examiner	17	38,343
Grievance Examiner	17	33,127
Grievance Examiner	17	38,343
Grievance Examiner	17	38,343
Principal Office Typist	12	27,114
1991-92 Appropriations:		
Personal Service		\$669,174
Nonpersonal Service		203,012
	Total	\$872,186