



Ohio Board of Professional Conduct

Board of Professional Conduct Files Disciplinary Case Reports and Recommendations

The Ohio Board of Professional Conduct has filed 10 reports with the Supreme Court of Ohio, nine recommending discipline for Ohio attorneys and one recommending discipline for a sitting judge.

The Board dismissed one case after finding the relator failed to prove alleged ethical violations on the part of two attorneys.

Parties will have an opportunity to file objections to the Board's reports and recommendations with the Supreme Court. If a party files objections, the Supreme Court will schedule the case for oral argument. Objections are not permitted in consent-to-discipline matters.

Additional information about each case, including the report and recommendation, may be obtained by clicking on the Supreme Court case number. Questions regarding cases pending before the Supreme Court should be directed to the Supreme Court's Office of Public Information at 614.387.9250.

Cuyahoga County

Disciplinary Counsel v. Carolyn Kaye Ranke

[Supreme Court Case No. 2024-0491](#)

Recommended sanction: Disbarment

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association v. Robert Smith III

[Supreme Court Case No. 2023-0708](#)

Recommended sanction: Two-year suspension

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association v. Joanne Brown

[Supreme Court Case No. 2024-0487](#)

Recommended sanction: Six-month suspension, stayed

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association v. Brian Matthew Taubman
[Supreme Court Case No. 2024-0483](#)
Recommended sanction: Public reprimand

Franklin County

Columbus Bar Association v. Amanda Marie Burgess & Michael Dean Christensen
[Board Case No. 2023-008](#)
Board resolution: Case dismissed and costs assessed to the relator

Columbus Bar Association v. Teresa Ann Villarreal
[Supreme Court Case No. 2024-0492](#)
Recommended sanction: One-year suspension, six months stayed

Hamilton County

Disciplinary Counsel v. Calvin Sylvester Tregre, Jr.
[Supreme Court Case No. 2024-0493](#)
Recommended sanction: Two-year suspension

Disciplinary Counsel v. Hon. Ralph Edward Winkler
[Supreme Court Case No. 2024-0488](#)
Recommended sanction: Public reprimand

Lucas County

Toledo Bar Association v. Joseph William Westmeyer III
[Supreme Court Case No. 2024-0489](#)
Recommended sanction: Six-month suspension, stayed

Montgomery County

Disciplinary Counsel v. Frank Michael Payson
[Supreme Court Case No. 2024-0481](#)
Recommendation: Impairment suspension

Disciplinary Counsel v. Scott David Bissell
[Supreme Court Case No. 2024-0482](#)
Recommended sanction: Two-year suspension, stayed