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**FROM: Rick Dove**

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**RE: Bimonthly Update**

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## October Board Meeting

The Board of Professional Conduct met on October 2 and approved [seven case reports](#). The reports were filed with the Supreme Court the afternoon of October 2.

The Board has 55 pending cases, 31 of which have been opened or reopened since July 1. Five cases have been heard and are awaiting reports, and 30 cases are scheduled for hearing, including 11 hearings set for October.

## Advisory Opinions

On October 2, the Board approved two new advisory opinions. [Adv. Op. 2020-10](#) addresses a law firm's concurrent representation of adverse clients. [Adv. Op. 2020-11](#) analyzes a law firm's use of a trade name under the June 2020 amendment to Prof. Cond. R. 7.5.

## Miller-Becker Seminar

Invitations to the October 23 Miller-Becker Seminar were sent late last month. As of this writing, 225 individuals have registered to attend the virtual seminar. Registration will remain open until the day of the seminar.

## **Probable Cause Deadlines**

There are two probable cause deadlines remaining this year—October 30 and November 30. Probable cause waivers may be filed at any time.

## **Amendments to Gov. Bar R. V**

In September, the Supreme Court adopted a series of amendments to Gov. Bar R. V. The amendments were first proposed by the Task Force on the Ohio Disciplinary System that issued a report to the Supreme Court in 2019. Following a public comment period in February and March of this year, the Court again considered the amendments this Summer and gave final approval on September 6.

The amendments take effect November 1, although certain amendments apply to cases filed on or after January 1, 2021. A [summary of the amendments](#) appears on the Board's website, and the summary includes a link to the final amendments that appear on the Supreme Court's website. The links to Gov. Bar R. V that appear on the Board's website will be updated on November 1 when the Supreme Court updates its rule-related links.

I will provide more information at a later date regarding application of these amendments to pending investigations and cases.