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FROM: Rick Dove

DATE: April 2024

RE: Bimonthly Update

April Board Meeting

The Board of Professional Conduct held met on April 5 and approved [11 case reports](#), 10 of which were filed with the Supreme Court. The Board voted to dismiss one case and assess costs against the relator. The Board's next meeting is June 7.

The Board has 30 pending cases, including three cases that have been heard and 17 that are scheduled for hearing. The remaining cases are stayed, awaiting answers or have prehearing conferences scheduled, or in default.

Advisory Opinions

The Board approved [Adv. Op. 2024-3](#) on April 5. This opinion addresses the propriety of converting an hourly rate fee to a contingency fee. The opinion replaces former Adv. Op. 1995-7.

Probable Cause Deadlines

The next two probable cause deadlines are April 26 and May 28. Please submit your probable cause materials in accordance with these deadlines to facilitate review and processing. New complaints with probable cause waivers may be e-Filed at any time.

CGC Recertification

On April 5, the Board considered the biennial recertification of grievance committees as required by Gov. Bar R. V. The Board voted to recertify 27 committees and deferred the recertification of four committees that are noncompliant with their reporting obligations.

Later this month, a recertification memorandum will be sent to 27 committees. The four committees whose recertifications are deferred will receive orders to show cause why they should not be decertified.

Staff Departure

Kristi McAnaul resigned her position as counsel to the Board, effective March 1. Kristi served the Board for nearly six years, and we wish her the best in her new position with Chase Bank.