



# Ohio Board of Professional Conduct

## Disciplinary Case Statistics 2019-2021

### Supreme Court Decisions

(excluding defaults and reinstatements)

2019	2020	2021
50	55	47

### Sanction Imposed

(excluding defaults)

Public reprimand  
Term suspension  
Indefinite suspension  
Disbarment  
Dismissal

2019	2020	2021
9	10	10
31	34	29
8	9	5
2	1	3
0	1	0

### Court Action on Board-Recommended Sanction

Imposed recommended sanction

Modified recommended sanction

- Increased
- Decreased

2019	2020	2021
45 (90%)	46 (84%)	46 (98%)
5 (10%)	9 (16%)	1 (2%)
3	4	1
2	5	0

### Court Action on Consent to Discipline Cases

(cases in which the Board recommended acceptance)

Accept with public reprimand  
Accept with term suspension  
Rejected and remanded

2019	2020	2021
5	2	7
6	5	6
2	0	0

### Default Cases

Total defaults certified to SCO  
Interim suspension imposed  
Indefinite suspension imposed

2019	2020	2021
11	9	3
11	11	2
2	13	7



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### Respondent with Prior Discipline

(includes discipline for misconduct and suspensions for non-compliance with CLE or attorney registration requirements.)

2019	2020	2021
15 (30%)	16 (29%)	13 (28%)

### License Reinstatements

Upon application

Upon petition:

- Granted
- Denied
- Withdrawn

2019	2020	2021
17	11	14
1	1	4
0	0	0
0	1	1

### Judicial Misconduct Cases

(includes all cases involving violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct when the respondent was a judicial officer or candidate at the time the misconduct occurred.)

Total

Rule V cases

Judicial campaign misconduct (expedited)

Dismissals

2019	2020	2021*
5	6	4
5	6	3
0	0	1
0	1	0

\* Six judicial misconduct cases were pending as of 12/31/2021

### Miscellaneous Disciplinary Dispositions

Resignations with discipline pending accepted

Resignations with discipline pending denied

Interim remedial suspension imposed

Child support default suspension imposed

Interim felony suspension imposed

Impairment suspension imposed

Reciprocal discipline imposed

2019	2020	2021
11	13	12
1	1	0
0	5	3
0	0	1
15	8	3
0	1	0
3	4	4



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### Top 5 Disciplinary Offenses of 2021

(based on total number of grievances opened for investigation and primary misconduct alleged)

1. Neglect/failure to protect client's interest
2. Judicial misconduct
3. Excessive fee
4. IOLTA violations
5. Trial misconduct

2021
28%
14%
10%
9%
8%

### Active Registered Attorneys

### Awards to Victims of Lawyers by Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection

2019	2020	2021
43,700	44,387	43,626
\$262,351	\$387,416	\$545,891

### Total Grievances

Disciplinary Counsel (ODC)

Certified Grievance Committees (CGC)

### Total Dismissals\*

Dismissed after initial review by ODC

Dismissed after initial review by CGC

### Total Investigations\*

Opened for Investigation by ODC

Opened for Investigation by CGC

### Complaints filed with the Board

2019	2020	2021
<b>3,786</b>	<b>2,994</b>	<b>3,454</b>
2,549 (67%)	2,067 (69%)	2,654 (77%)
1,237 (33%)	927 (31%)	801 (23%)
<b>1,106</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>801</b>
575 (15%)	228 (8%)	447 (13%)
531 (14%)	433 (14%)	354 (10%)
<b>2,680</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>2,653</b>
1,974 (52%)	1,839 (61%)	2,084 (60%)
706 (19%)	494 (16%)	570 (16%)
<b>63</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>39</b>

\*Percentages based on total grievances