



DISCIPLINE

PUBLIC DISCIPLINE

Feb. 22 through
April 18, 2007

»» LANCASTER COUNTY

The Supreme Court on Feb. 23 ordered **William W. Boyd** suspended on consent for two years, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the petition in support of discipline, Boyd misappropriated \$23,500 in client funds from an estate he was administering.

»» LYCOMING COUNTY

The Supreme Court on March 2 ordered **Ralph W. Thorne** suspended on consent for one year and one day, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the petition in support of discipline, Thorne, now retired and on inactive status, admitted filing answers to mortgage foreclosure complaints “solely for the purpose of delaying the foreclosure actions.” The petition said Thorne was to have received \$100 per case from an Ohio company to buy time for settlement negotiations for the company’s clients, the individuals facing foreclosure. The petition said Thorne filed answers in a total of 88 cases referred to him without having discussed or verified the answers with the clients.

»» MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The Supreme Court on March 13 ordered **Donald Brown** suspended for one year and one day, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Brown engaged in unauthorized practice while on inactive status.

The court on March 23 ordered **Theodore Q. Thompson** suspended for six months, as recommended by three dissenting members of the Disciplinary Board. Justices Thomas G. Saylor and Max Baer dissented from the order in favor of imposing a one-year suspension, stayed in its entirety, with prescribed continuing legal

education, as recommended by a majority of the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Thompson engaged in unauthorized practice while on inactive status.

»» PHILADELPHIA

The Supreme Court on Feb. 23 ordered **Rhonda McCullough Anderson** suspended for five years, retroactive to Oct. 15, 2004, the date on which the court ordered her temporary suspension following her conviction on mail fraud. The court on Feb. 10, 2006, denied a joint consent petition and sent the case back to the Disciplinary Board for a hearing. The board then recommended a suspension of three years, retroactive to Nov. 14, 2004, the effective date of Anderson’s temporary suspension.

The court on April 13 ordered **F. Lee Lewis** suspended for two years, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. The disciplinary report said Lewis engaged in multiple acts of misconduct in connection with the handling of six client matters. The report said her actions included, among others, failing to provide competent representation, failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness, making a false statement of material fact or law to a tribunal and engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

»» DISBARMENTS ON CONSENT

The following attorneys have been disbarred on consent under a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to resignations by attorneys who are being investigated for allegations of misconduct: **Daniel J. Garfold**, Allegheny County, on March 13; **Michael D. Kasprenski**, Lehigh County, on March 22; **R. Eric Pierce**, Dauphin County, on March 22; **Rodney J. Repko**, Bradford County, on March 22; and **Thomas A. Shumaker**, Lawrence County, on April 13.

»» RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has imposed reciprocal discipline on the following attorneys: **Robert S. Grossman**, Philadelphia, disbarred, retroactive to May 25, 2006, on Feb. 23, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New York; **Irwin Jay Fredman**, out of state, disbarred, on March 2, for like discipline imposed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; **Patrick Earl Bailey**, Philadelphia, suspended for three years, on March 2, for like discipline imposed by the Circuit Court for the County of Fairfax, Va., and the Supreme Court of Virginia; and **Cathy Renee Garrett-Davis**, out of state, disbarred, on March 22, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

»» TEMPORARY SUSPENSION — RULE 208(f)

The following attorneys have been placed on emergency temporary suspension under a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to attorneys whose continued practice would cause substantial public or private harm because of the misappropriation of funds or other egregious conduct: **Samuel Michael Pontier**, Allegheny County, on Feb. 23; and **Paul J. Elias**, Westmoreland County, on April 10.

REINSTATEMENTS

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The Supreme Court has approved petitions for reinstatement filed by the following: **John Kelvin Conner**, Montgomery County, from a nine-month suspension, on March 1; **Robert C. Jacobs**, Philadelphia, from a 41-month suspension retroactive to June 13, 2002, on March 13; and **James R. Cooney**, Erie County, from a one-year suspension, on March 19. ☼