

In the

SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI

En Banc

May Session, 2018

**Report of the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the year
2017 together with the Financial Report of the Treasurer of the
Advisory Committee Fund for 2017**

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REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL FOR THE YEAR
2017 TOGETHER WITH THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FUND FOR 2017

To the Honorable Judges of The Supreme Court:

Comes now the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and respectfully reports to
the Court on matters concluded during calendar year 2017 or pending on December 31,
2017.

I.

**THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS WERE TAKEN BY
THE COURT DURING 2017 BASED ON PROCEEDINGS
PROSECUTED BY THE OFFICE OF
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL¹**

ADAMIK JR., JOHN L., Marshfield, MO, Missouri Bar #50851

Suspension, suspension stayed, placed on probation for one year: Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-8.1, 4-8.4(a), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: May 30, 2017.

**ARBUCKLE, CHRISTOPHER FARRELL, Lee's Summit, MO, Missouri Bar
#49102**

Disbarment: Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4, and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: August 22, 2017.

BARTLETT, RONALD H., Columbia, MO, Missouri Bar #31548

Surrendered license and disbarred: Violation of Rules 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-1.15(a), 4-1.15(c), 4-1.15(f), 4-1.16(d), 4-5.5, 4-8.4(a), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: October 5, 2017.

BELZ, TIMOTHY, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #31808

Placed on probation for one year: Violation of Rules 4-1.15(a)(7); 4-1.15(b), 4-1.15(c), and 4-1.15(d). Date of Order: October 31, 2017.

BIGGS JR., JEROME YOUNG, Savannah, MO, Missouri Bar #37498

Default suspension from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of two years: Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-1.16(d), 4-3.2, 4-8.1(c), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: November 3, 2017.

BOISSEAU, ELDON L., Wichita, KS, Missouri Bar #40913

Disbarment: Rule 5.21 (Criminal Conviction). Date of Order: May 2, 2017.

BONNER, DENNIS JAMES, Lee's Summit, MO, Missouri Bar #49945

Surrendered license and disbarred: Violation of Rules 4-1.4(a), 4-1.15(a), 4-1.15(c), 4-1.15(d), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: February 28, 2017.

¹ Often there are attorneys with the same or similar names. It is important to note the bar number and location of the individual.

BREWSTER, WAYNE RICHARD, Clayton, MO, Missouri Bar #35098

Default suspension from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of two years: Violation of Rules 4-3.3(a), 4-5.5(e), 4-8.1(c), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: October 31, 2017.

BUSCH JR., LARRY JOSEPH, Anthem, AZ, Missouri Bar #48607

Disbarment: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – Arizona); Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4(a), 4-1.4(b), 4-1.15, 4-8.4(b), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: October 5, 2017.

CARSON, LYDIA MARIE, Kansas City, MO, Missouri Bar #30639

Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of three years: Violation of Rules 4-3.3(a)(1), 4-3.3(d), 4-7.2(f), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: November 21, 2017.

CASHION, SHANNON LEE, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #55652

Default Disbarment: Violation of Rules 4-8.1(c) and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: October 5, 2017.

COHEN, ALAN WAYNE, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #34974

Default Disbarment: Violation of Rules 4-1.15(a)(5), 4-1.15(f), 4-1.22, and 4-8.1(c). Date of Order: October 31, 2017.

COX, THOMAS CHRISTIAN, Kansas City, MO, Missouri Bar #43298

Public Reprimand: Violation of Rule 4-1.15(a). Date of Order: December 20, 2017.

COYLE, TERESA MARIE, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #46300

Default suspension from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of one year: Violation of Rules 4-1.3, 4-1.4(a), 4-1.5, 4-1.16(d), 4-3.4(c), 4-8.1(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: January 31, 2017.

CRAWFORD, RANDALL DEAN, Kansas City, MO, Missouri Bar #29433

Placed on probation for one year: Violation of Rules 4-1.15(a), 4-1.15(b), and 4-1.15(f). Date of Order: September 12, 2017.

DEAL, DAVID ROBERT, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #43857

Default suspension from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of three years: Violation of Rules 4-5.5(e), 4-8.1(c), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: June 9, 2017.

DORSEY, EDWARD, Carbondale, IL, Missouri Bar #45198

Suspended, effective January 8, 2017, from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of one year from January 8, 2017: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – Illinois); Violation of Rules 4-1.15(a), 4-1.15(d), 4-1.15(f), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: October 5, 2017.

DUNFIELD, DUSTIN WAYNE, Nevada, MO, Missouri Bar #63473

Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of one year: Violation of Rule 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: September 26, 2017.

DYER, STEVEN EDWARD, Florissant, MO, Missouri Bar #45397

Interim suspension from the practice of law pursuant to provisions of Rule 5.24. Date of Order: July 12, 2017.

EASON, JAMES WINDSOR, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #57112

Suspension, suspension stayed, placed on probation for one year: Violation of Rules 4-8.4(b) and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: May 23, 2017.

GERECKE, DALE EDWARD, Cape Girardeau, MO, Missouri Bar #30415

Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of six months: Violation of Rules 4-1.15 and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: November 21, 2017.

GILBRETH, ANTHONY PATRICK, Columbia, IL, Missouri Bar #59456

Public Reprimand: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – Illinois); Violation of Rules 4-3.3(a)(1), 4-4.1(a), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: May 30, 2017.

GILMORE, TIMOTHY PALMER, Florissant, MO, Missouri Bar #34656

Default suspension from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of one year: Violation of Rules 4-5.5(e) and 4-8.1(c). Date of Order: October 5, 2017.

GUNTER, MICHAEL JOSEPH, Kansas City, MO, Missouri Bar #40868

Suspension, suspension stayed, placed on probation for two years: Violation of Rules 4-1.4(a)(3), 4-1.4(b), 4-1.7(a)(2), 4-1.8(j), 4-1.16(a)(1), and 4-1.16(d). Date of Order: February 28, 2017.

HAITBRINK, RICHARD F., Shawnee Mission, KS, Missouri Bar #21749

Public Reprimand: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – Kansas); Violation of Rules 4-1.4(a), 4-1.8(h)(1), 4-1.15(a), 4-1.16(d), and 4-2.1. Date of Order: May 4, 2017.

HALL, KENTON M., Kansas City, MO, Missouri Bar #39212

Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of six months from June 2, 2017: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – Kansas); Violation of Rules 4-3.3(a)(1), 4-5.5(a), 4-8.4(c), 4-8.4(d), 5.27, and 6.05. Date of Order: October 2, 2017.

HANLIN, JAMES R., St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #18076

Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of one year: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – Illinois); Violation of Rules 4-5.5(a), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: November 21, 2017.

HINKEBEIN, KARL WILLIAM, Columbia, MO, Missouri Bar #41666

Suspension, suspension stayed, placed on probation for one year: Violation of Rules 4-1.3 and 4-1.4(a). Date of Order: September 12, 2017.

HINOTE, SCOTT CARTER, Ozark, MO, Missouri Bar #53069

Disbarment: Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-1.5, 4-1.9(a), 4-1.15(a), 4-1.15(c), 4-1.16, 4-8.1(c), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: August 16, 2017.

HOEFLE, THEODORE ROY, Raymore, MO, Missouri Bar #56509

Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of six months: Violation of Rule 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: May 2, 2017.

HOOD, CONNIE S., O’Fallon, MO, Missouri Bar #31469

Probation revoked. Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of one year. Date of Order: June 27, 2017.

KELLY, MICHAEL PATRICK, Potosi, MO, Missouri Bar #32137

Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of one year: Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4(a), 4-1.15(c), 4-1.15(d), 4-1.16(d), 4-8.1(c), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: May 16, 2017.

KNOWLES, SHELLEY L., Leavenworth, KS, Missouri Bar #53814

Disbarment: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – Kansas); Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-1.5, 4-1.15, 4-1.16, 4-3.2, 4-3.3, 4-4.1, and 4-8.4. Date of Order: February 16, 2017.

LEGGAT JR., ROBERT B., St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #23780

Placed on probation for one year: Violation of Rules 4-1.15(a)(7), 4-1.15(b), 4-1.15(c), and 4-1.15(d). Date of Order: October 31, 2017.

LEWRIGHT, JOHN A., Cassville, MO, Missouri Bar #30484

Default suspension, suspension stayed, placed on probation for two years: Violation of Rules 4-1.3, 4-1.4, and 4-8.1. Date of Order: June 27, 2017.

MARTIN, ERIC MARVIN, Chesterfield, MO, Missouri Bar #27466

Public Reprimand with Requirements: Violation of Rules 4-1.15(a)(6), 4-1.15(a)(7), 4-1.15(b), and 4-1.15(c). Date of Order: January 31, 2017.

MCMILLIN, RYAN JOSEPH, Kansas City, MO, Missouri Bar #50167

Disbarment: Violation of Rules 4-1.3, 4-1.4(a), 4-1.5(a), 4-1.15(a)(5), 4-1.15(b), 4-1.15(c), 4-1.15(f), 4-1.16(d), 4-8.1(c), 4-8.4(a), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: July 13, 2017.

MEEHAN, WILLIAM KIERAN, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #33686

Suspension, suspension stayed, placed on probation for two years: Violation of Rules 4-1.3 and 4-1.4. Date of Order: December 20, 2017.

MOLAMPHY, DENNIS JAMES, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #67573

Disbarment: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – Kansas); Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-3.3(a)(1), 4-5.3(b), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: December 19, 2017.

NATIONS, HAROLD DAVID, Heber Springs, AR, Missouri Bar #66753

Default Disbarment: Violation of Rules 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-1.5, 4-1.15, 4-8.1(c), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: May 2, 2017.

NELSON, RICK L., St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #29544

Public Reprimand with Requirements: Violation of Rules 4-1.15(a) and 4-1.15(b). Date of Order: August 22, 2017.

NICHOLS, RICHARD TILLMAN, Clinton, MO, Missouri Bar #60470

Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of two years: Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4(a), 4-1.6, 4-1.7, 4-1.16(d), 4-1.22, 4-4.1, 4-8.1(a), 4-8.1(c), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: May 2, 2017.

OTTSEN JR., LAMAR E., St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #18682

Placed on probation for one year: Violation of Rules 4-1.15(a)(7), 4-1.15(b), 4-1.15(c), and 4-1.15(d). Date of Order: October 31, 2017.

PENNY, TROY REMEL, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #53921

Public Reprimand: Violation of Rule 4-1.15(c). Date of Order: September 26, 2017.

POTTENGER, JASON MONTGOMERY, Kansas City, MO, Missouri Bar #43354

Placed on probation for two years: Violation of Rule 4-1.15. Date of Order: August 15, 2017.

RIESENMY, DAVID JOSEPH, Joplin, MO, Missouri Bar #34921

Probation revoked. Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of one year; effective date of suspension June 22, 2017. Dates of Orders: May 30, 2017 and June 12, 2017.

RISLER, CHRISTOPHER T., Clayton, MO, Missouri Bar #37208

Suspension, suspension stayed, placed on probation for two years: Violation of Rules 4-1.15(a), 4-1.15(a)(7), 4-1.15(b), 4-1.15(c), 4-1.15(f), 4-8.1(c), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: November 21, 2017.

ROBINSON, JAMES CLIFTON, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #30969

Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of one year: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri); Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4(a), 4-1.16(d), 4-3.3(a)(1), 4-3.4(a), 4-3.4(d), 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: April 4, 2017.

SANDERS, RITA KAY, Springfield, MO, Missouri Bar #51565

Suspension, suspension stayed, placed on probation for two years: Violation of Rules 4-1.15(a), 4-1.15(a)(6), 4-8.4(b), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: October 5, 2017.

SCHULTZ, MARK J., Kansas City, MO, Missouri Bar #35066

Interim suspension from the practice of law pursuant to provisions of Rule 5.21(b). Date of Order: May 4, 2017. Supreme Court No. SC96305

Disbarment: Rule 5.21 (Criminal Conviction). Date of Order: August 8, 2017. Supreme Court No. SC96566

STRICKLAND, DARA MARIE, Chesterfield, MO, Missouri Bar #59658

Default Disbarment: Violation of Rules 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-1.15, 4-1.15(c), 4-1.15(f), 4-5.5(e), 4-8.1(c), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: February 28, 2017.

SUTTON, JEFFERY ARTHUR, Basehor, KS, Missouri Bar #52510

Public Reprimand: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – Kansas); Violation of Rules 4-1.4(b), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: December 4, 2017.

TITGEMEYER, SYLVIA G., St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #35339

Default suspension from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of three years: Violation of Rules 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-5.5, and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: May 30, 2017.

VOGELMAN, HENRY JOSEPH, Wentzville, MO, Missouri Bar #59723

Default Disbarment: Violation of Rules 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-1.5, 4-8.1(c), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: October 31, 2017.

WALTON JR., ELBERT A., St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #24547

Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of eighteen months: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri); Violation of Rules 4-3.3(a)(1), 4-3.4(a), 4-3.4(d), 4-3.5(d), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: April 4, 2017.

WILLEY, BRUCE ALLEN, Cedar Rapids, IA, Missouri Bar #41085

Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of six months: Rule 5.20 (Reciprocal – Iowa); Violation of Rules 4-1.7(a)(2) and 4-1.7(b)(4). Date of Order: June 30, 2017.

WISDOM, NANCI RAE, Salem, MO, Missouri Bar #39359

Default suspension from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of two years: Violation of Rules 4-1.3, 4-1.4(a), 4-1.16(d), and 4-8.1(c). Date of Order: February 28, 2017.

YONKE, MICHAEL THOMAS, Kansas City, MO, Missouri Bar #42821

Placed on probation for two years: Violation of Rule 4-1.15. Date of Order: August 15, 2017.

YOUNG II, ROBERT JOHN, Liberty, MO, Missouri Bar #49344

Suspension from the practice of law until further order of the Court pursuant to provisions of Rule 5.23(c). Date of Order: September 19, 2017 (original order of suspension dated August 23, 2016).

II.

THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS WERE PENDING BEFORE THE COURT AT THE CLOSE OF 2017 BASED ON PROCEEDINGS PROSECUTED BY THE OFFICE OF CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

BOBRINK, JEANNIE M., North Kansas City, MO, Missouri Bar #36685

(Surrendered license and disbarred: Violation of Rules 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-1.15(a), 4-1.15(f), 4-1.16(d), and 4-8.4(c). Date of Order: January 30, 2018.)

KELLY, MICHAEL PATRICK, Potosi, MO, Missouri Bar #32137

(Default Disbarment: Violation of Rules 4-1.3, 4-1.4(a)(1), 4-1.4(a)(2), 4-1.15(d), 4-1.16(d), 4-8.1(c), and 4-8.4(a). Date of Order: March 6, 2018.)

LOUDON, BYRON CARROLL, Overland Park, KS, Missouri Bar #40885

(Pending disciplinary case, Supreme Court No. SC96793, Dismissed on February 26, 2018, in conjunction with Supreme Court No. SC96936.)

(Surrendered license and disbarred, effective March 23, 2018: Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.5, 4-8.1(a), 4-8.1(b), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: February 26, 2018. Supreme Court No. SC96936)

MCDOWELL, JONATHAN DAVID, Jefferson City, MO, Missouri Bar #63074

(Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of one year: Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4(a), 4-1.16(d), and 4-3.3(a). Date of Order: April 3, 2018.)

PATIENCE, JEROME MICHAEL, Independence, MO, Missouri Bar #51965

(Surrendered license and disbarred: Violation of Rule 4-8.4(b). Date of Order: February 23, 2018.)

RAINES, JOBY JASON, Marshall, MO, Missouri Bar #52909

(Default Disbarment: Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.4, and 4-8.1(c). Date of Order: March 6, 2018.)

VALENTINO, JONATHAN DAVID, Clayton, MO, Missouri Bar #56166

(Suspended from the practice of law and no petition for reinstatement shall be entertained by the Court for a period of six months: Violation of Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, 4-1.4, 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: January 16, 2018.)

WILLIAMS, BRANDON LAMONTE, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #55307

(Suspension, suspension stayed, placed on probation for one year: Violation of Rules 4-1.15(d), 4-5.3(b), 4-8.4(b), 4-8.4(c), and 4-8.4(d). Date of Order: May 22, 2018.)

III. REINSTATEMENT PROCEEDINGS

A. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

At the beginning of the year, eight Missouri lawyers who had previously been disciplined had applications for reinstatement pending for processing by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel. During the year, 16 additional applications for reinstatement were filed and referred to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for processing.

The OCDC processed a total of 24 disciplinary reinstatement applications during 2017. The status of those 24 applications is as follows:

Reinstated	7
Denied	2
Dismissed	1
Pending with OCDC	14

Seven Petitioners Were Reinstated By The Supreme Court

1. Eric Seymour Affholter, Deerfield Beach, FL, Missouri Bar #47249, reinstated on November 21, 2017. Petitioner was interimly suspended on September 21, 2007, and subsequently suspended on November 20, 2007.
2. Joseph Jacob Esther, Jefferson City, MO, Missouri Bar #49155, reinstated on December 19, 2017, and placed on probation for a period of five years. Petitioner was suspended on January 23, 2001.
3. Deanna Angeli Foley, St. Louis, MO, Missouri Bar #43076, reinstated on October 30, 2017. Petitioner was suspended on May 24, 2016.
4. Elizabeth Anne Hueben, Kansas City, MO, Missouri Bar #52989, reinstated on July 13, 2017. Petitioner was suspended on June 28, 2016.
5. Gary Wayne Long, II, Kansas City, KS, Missouri Bar #38645, reinstated on June 27, 2017. Petitioner was disbarred on July 1, 1998.
6. Robert Adam Mintz, Leawood, KS, Missouri Bar #41506, reinstated on October 5, 2017. Petitioner was suspended on June 24, 2014.

7. Troy Douglas Renkemeyer, Overland Park, KS, Missouri Bar #47371, reinstated on December 5, 2017, and placed on probation for a period of two years. Petitioner was suspended on June 28, 2016.

**Two Disciplined Petitioners Were Denied Reinstatement
By The Supreme Court**

1. Joel B. Eisenstein, Missouri Bar #21476, denied reinstatement. Petitioner was suspended on April 21, 2016.
2. Samuel Edward Trapp, Missouri Bar #52617, denied reinstatement. Petitioner was suspended on October 14, 2014.

One Petition Was Dismissed By The Supreme Court in 2017

1. Catherine Earnshaw-Hobbs, N/K/A Catherine Miles, Missouri Bar #23452, Petitioner filed motion to dismiss application for reinstatement on April 24, 2017. Petitioner was suspended on March 25, 2014.

B. OTHER REINSTATEMENTS

Tax

Lawyers may be suspended for state tax issues under Rule 5.245. During 2017, the OCDC investigated and processed 25 tax suspension applications for reinstatement. Twenty-five were reinstated.

Fee

Lawyers may be suspended under Rule 6.01(f) upon non-payment of annual enrollment fees. If their non-payment exceeds three years, they must apply for reinstatement under Rule 5.28. In 2017, the OCDC investigated and processed 11 applications for reinstatement by those lawyers. Seven were reinstated. One application was denied. Three applications remained pending at the end of 2017.

Returns to Active Status

Lawyers may elect to become inactive under Rule 6.03. Per Rule 6.06, the OCDC investigated and processed 80 inactive lawyers' applications for reinstatement. Seventy-eight were returned to active status. Two applications remained pending at the end of 2017.

MCLE

Lawyers may be suspended for non-compliance with Mandatory Continuing Legal Education requirements under Rule 15.06(f). During 2017, the OCDC investigated and processed eight MCLE suspension applications for reinstatement. Five were reinstated. Three applications remained pending at the end of 2017.

IV. COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IN 2017 AND ACTIONS THEREON

1,830 complaints of attorney misconduct were received in 2017.

The following actions were taken on complaints received in 2017:

- 696** Formal Investigations opened
 - 442** Cases investigated by Regional Disciplinary Committees
 - 254** Cases investigated by OCDC

- 57** Cases placed in the OCDC's Informal Resolution Program
[*See Paragraph A (below)]

- 1,035** Investigations not opened (*In certain instances, OCDC does not open an investigation until after related litigation is completed.*) Approximately 59 complaints were provided a further review and response by senior OCDC staff, following complainants' requests. Some of those reviews led to an investigation being opened.

- 10** Insufficient information to proceed
 - 1** Referred to Fee Dispute Committees
 - 18** Referred to Complaint Resolution Committee (**See Missouri Bar Complaint Resolution Activity Report attached.*)
 - 13** Placed in "Inquiry" status (*These cases were not opened but were monitored to determine whether an investigation should be opened in the future.*)

A. Informal Resolution Program

In this program, intake counsel assigns appropriate cases to a paralegal to contact the complainant, the respondent, or both, to assist in resolving the complaint rather than proceeding with a formal investigation. The program is used most often in response to complaints that the client has not had adequate communication from the lawyer or where the client has been unable to obtain file documents. It may also be used in a case where the complainant has trouble articulating the nature of the complaint, or seems confused about the lawyer's responsibilities or the legal process. The program has been successful in reducing complaint processing time while preserving the attorney/client relationship. Most cases in the program were resolved without opening an investigation.

B. Advisory Committee Review

Rule 5.12 permits complainants to seek review by the Advisory Committee in cases in which the OCDC or a Regional Disciplinary Committee investigated and found insufficient probable cause to believe that an attorney was guilty of professional misconduct that would justify discipline. In 2017, 59 complainants requested review. The Advisory Committee upheld the findings on 25 of these files and issued a guidance letter to five lawyers. The Committee assigned 13 of the review files for further investigation. Sixteen of these review files were pending with the Committee at the end of the year.

C. Fee Disputes

The Missouri Bar and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association continued to provide fee dispute resolution programs. These programs are valuable to lawyers and legal consumers by providing a forum for fee-related complaints to be addressed through a non-disciplinary structure. During the year, complainants were referred to the Fee Dispute Committees as appropriate.

D. Overdraft Notification

In 2010, the Supreme Court adopted an amendment to Rule 4-1.15 of the Rules of Professional Conduct that requires financial institutions holding lawyer trust accounts to notify the OCDC in cases where the trust account is overdrawn. In 2017, the OCDC received 113 overdraft notifications. Many of these involved negligent or careless management of trust accounts, which were often handled by education and follow-up monitoring without discipline. Some overdrafts were more serious, either by scope of the problem or by the intention of the attorney. Various levels of discipline were necessary in these matters in order to protect the public and the integrity of the profession.

V. DISCIPLINE ACTION INITIATED

A. Admonitions

The OCDC administered 35 written admonitions and the Regional Disciplinary Committees administered 52 written admonitions to Missouri lawyers. (Total: 87 admonitions). In addition, 176 guidance letters were sent to lawyers by OCDC and the Regional Committees. Guidance letters are not disciplinary action, but are used to educate the attorney on ethical responsibilities or to alert the attorney that a particular course of conduct, if unchecked in the future, may cause additional complaints to be filed.

B. Investigation Summary

Region	Investigations Pending 1/1/17	Investigations Referred 2017	Investigations Disposed in 2017
IV	47	119	124
X	67	162	167
XI	33	59	68
XV	46	74	83
OCDC	116	259	270

Region	Admonitions Issued in 2017	Guidance Letters Issued in 2017
IV	18	25
X	18	26
XI	6	14
XV	10	13
OCDC	35	98

C. Filed Hearing Matters

FILING INFORMATION

In 2017, the OCDC and the Regional Disciplinary Committees filed Informations (the formal charging document) on 79 files. “Files” indicate individual complaints against attorneys. An Information against one attorney may include charges involving multiple files.

Twenty-six Informations, representing 55 complaint files, were pending before the Advisory Committee and Disciplinary Hearing Panels at the beginning of 2017. Disciplinary Hearing Panels conducted 19 hearings involving 40 files. Thirteen default Informations were filed directly in the Supreme Court.

D. Cases filed at the Supreme Court

RULE 5.19

In 2017, ten disciplinary hearing panel decisions were approved by the Missouri Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 5.19(c), without requirement of briefing and argument.

Informant’s briefs were filed pursuant to Rule 5.19(d), in the Supreme Court in 17 cases. Of those 17 cases, two were heard because the Respondent did not concur in a DHP’s recommended sanction, ten were heard because the Informant did not concur in a DHP’s recommended sanction, one was heard because neither party concurred in a DHP’s recommended sanction, and four were heard after the Court rejected a joint stipulation or statement of acceptance of the panel’s decision. Thirteen disciplinary cases appeared on the Court’s oral argument calendar in 2017.

RULE 5.20

Ten reciprocal discipline cases, based on adjudication of misconduct in other jurisdictions, were filed in 2017: *In re Busch*, SC96591; *In re Dorsey*, SC96287; *In re Gilbreth*, SC96273; *In re Haitbrink*, SC96298; *In re Hall*, SC96488; *In re Hanlin*, SC96607; *In re Knowles*, SC96186; *In re Molamphy*, SC96759; *In re Sutton*, SC96692; and *In re Willey*, SC96448.

RULE 5.21

During 2017, one Information was filed under Rule 5.21(b) against an attorney who was subject to an interim suspension pending the final disposition of a criminal case: *In re Schultz*, SC96305.

During 2017, two Informations were filed under Rule 5.21(d) against attorneys whose criminal cases were finally disposed, and who had previously been suspended: *In re Boisseau*, SC96288 and *In re Schultz*, SC96566.

RULE 5.24

One Information requesting interim suspension for substantial threat of irreparable harm was filed in 2017: *In re Dyer*, SC96546.

RULE 5.25

In 2017, three attorneys applied to surrender their licenses under Rule 5.25: *In re Bartlett*, SC96653 (accepted October 5, 2017); *In re Bobrink*, SC96850 (accepted January 30, 2018); and *In re Patience*, SC96847 (accepted February 23, 2018). The OCDC filed Reports and Recommendations in each of these cases.

VI. LAWYER MONITORING

OCDC staff monitor lawyers' practices in four circumstances, all intended to improve the lawyers' likelihood of maintaining a successful practice and protecting the public. In 2017, the office monitored 9 lawyers in the disciplinary diversion program established by Rule 5.105. The diversion program was created to help offenders who have engaged in relatively minor rule violations, often involving practice management.

Twenty-eight lawyers were monitored in 2017 while on probation under Rule 5.225, the rule permitting probation for lawyers whose conduct did not warrant disbarment. Also, the office was asked by the Missouri Supreme Court and Missouri Board of Law Examiners in 2017 to monitor the practice of 13 newly admitted lawyers. Finally, in 2017, the office monitored the practice of 10 lawyers who have been reinstated subject to an order of probation.

VII. UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW

The Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel opened complaint files on approximately 21 individuals and organizations alleged to have engaged in the unlawful practice of law.

Some of these cases were referred to local prosecuting attorneys or to the Consumer Protection Division of the Missouri Attorney General's office. Others were resolved through communication with the company or individual.

Due to the workload and staff resources of OCDC, the office focused its efforts on conducting in-depth investigations in those cases where it appeared that widespread consumer fraud was occurring. Where appropriate, the office conducted investigations of complaints, and the office referred the materials to law enforcement for criminal prosecution as OCDC is only authorized to seek a civil injunction against a party for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS BY OCDC STAFF

During 2017, OCDC staff gave 24 presentations at Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminars. The OCDC staff gave presentations to the following organizations: Audrain County Bar Association; Buchanan County Bar Association; Eastern District Court of Appeals; Evans & Dixon, Jasper County Bar Association; Missouri Department of Labor & Industrial Relations – Employment Security; Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations – Workers' Compensation; Missouri Department of Revenue; Missouri Department of Social Services; Missouri Department of Transportation; Missouri Paralegal Association; Richard Fink, Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Trustee; St.

Charles County Bar Association; St. Louis County Bar Association; United States Arbitration & Mediation; United States Federal Court – Eastern District Cape Girardeau; United States Federal Court – Eastern District Hannibal; and University of Missouri – Kansas City. The OCDC staff also spoke at the Missouri Bar’s Solo and Small Firm Conference, The Missouri Bar Annual Meeting, several Missouri Bar telephone CLEs and webinars, and many other CLE presentations sponsored by the Missouri Bar and other organizations.

IX. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN 2017

Disciplinary Case Processing

The Supreme Court has established timeline standards for the disposition of pending cases that seek to complete 75% of investigations within six months and 90% of investigations within one year. During 2017, the OCDC and the disciplinary system failed to meet the timeline standards.

Policy regarding Frequent Complaint Recipients

The OCDC devotes a significant amount of its resources to complaints against attorneys who are frequent complaint recipients (FCR attorneys). In an effort to address this issue, the OCDC adopted a policy intended to identify and meet with FCR attorneys in order to discuss and address law practice management issues and any other issues that affect the FCR attorney’s practice and contribute to client complaints. In addition, the FCR meetings are intended to inform the attorney regarding the disciplinary process and the system of progressive discipline adhered to by the Supreme Court and the OCDC. During 2017, the Chief Disciplinary Counsel continued to meet with FCR attorneys pursuant to this policy.

Law Practice Management Course

For the past several years, with the support and approval of the Supreme Court, the OCDC has worked with The Missouri Bar to present a comprehensive program to address the issues raised by the lack of law practice management skills among a few members of the Bar whose clients have repeatedly complained against them. This cooperative effort resulted in the development of a practice management course staffed by a distinguished faculty of lawyers from around the state. In 2017, the course was offered as a full-day in-person session at the OCDC’s office in Jefferson City, Missouri. Twenty-four (24) lawyers attended the course in 2017. Those attorneys who attended the course in 2017 participate in periodic interactive discussion groups during the following year to track their progress in meeting their law practice management goals established during the program.

Regional Disciplinary Committee Training

The OCDC is an accredited CLE provider. In 2017, we hosted a series of training sessions and CLE presentations for the benefit of the Regional Disciplinary Committees and the Special Representatives who serve the various Committees. These Committees and their Special Representatives contribute to the successful operation of the disciplinary system at the regional level throughout the state.

Staff Training

In 2017, the OCDC attorney staff participated in training by attending conferences offered by The Missouri Bar, the National Organization of Bar Counsel and the American Bar Association – Center for Professional Responsibility. Paralegals at the OCDC attended and presented training through the Missouri Paralegal Association and the Organization of Bar Investigators, an organization affiliated with the National Organization of Bar Counsel.

Supreme Court Rule 4

The Court entered an Order dated December 14, 2016 and effective January 1, 2017, amending the definition of an “eligible institution” that can offer and maintain IOLTA accounts in Rule 4-1.145 to include credit unions authorized by federal or state law to do business in Missouri.

The Court entered an Order dated September 26, 2017 and effective that same day, amending various Rules of Professional Conduct or Comments to the Rules, including the following:

- a. Rule 4-1.0(n) (Terminology) amends the definition of the term “writing” or “written” to replace the term “e-mail” with “electronic communications”;
- b. Rule 4-1.1 (Competence) amends Comment [6] to include knowledge regarding the benefits and risks associated with relevant technology;
- c. Rule 4-1.4 (Communication) amends Comment [4] to explain that a lawyer shall promptly respond to or acknowledge client communications, not just telephone calls, to the lawyer.
- d. Rule 4-1.6 (Confidentiality of Information) includes new subdivisions and comments that (1) permit limited disclosures of confidential information to detect and resolve conflicts of interest and (2) seek to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of or access to confidential information;

- e. Rule 4-1.17 (Sale of a Law Practice) amends Comment [6] in order to clarify and provide guidance regarding client confidences that can be disclosed in connection with the sale of a law practice;
- f. Rule 4-1.18 (Duties to Prospective Clients) and the Comments thereto have been amended to clarify when a person becomes a prospective client and the screening procedures that are permissible under the rule;
- g. Rule 4-4.4 (Respect for Rights of Third Persons) has been amended to include “electronically stored information,” in addition to just a document, when requiring that a lawyer promptly notify the sender when the lawyer inadvertently receives one of these types of information relating to a representation;
- h. Rule 4-5.3 (Responsibilities Regarding Nonlawyer Assistants) amends the Comments thereto to state that lawyer responsibilities over nonlawyer assistants includes nonlawyers both within and outside the law firm; and
- i. Rule 4-5.5(d) (Unauthorized Practice of Law) permits a lawyer admitted in another U.S. jurisdiction, and not disbarred or suspended in any jurisdiction, to establish an office or other systematic and continuous presence in Missouri to practice law and provide legal services to an employer if that lawyer receives a limited license under Rule 8.105 as an in-house counsel. Both Rule 4-5.5 and Rule 8.105 have been amended to permit a lawyer from a foreign jurisdiction to do the same if the foreign lawyer can meet the requisite requirements of those Rules.

The Court entered an Order dated July 23, 2018 and effective January 1, 2019 amending Rule 4-1.15 (Trust Accounts and Property of Others) to permit an advanced flat fee which does not exceed \$2,000 to be deposited in an account other than the client trust account. A new Comment [20] states that “even though an advanced flat fee that will be promptly paid and which does not exceed \$2,000 may be placed directly into the office operating account, if the attorney-client relationship is terminated prior to the advanced flat fee being earned then any unearned portion of the advanced fee shall be refunded. The Order also amends Comment [5] of the Rule to provide that waiting 10 days after a deposit is made into a trust account is presumed to be a reasonable period for purposes of the “good funds” requirement, unless a lawyer has actual notice of a reason to wait longer on a specific deposit. The Order also amends Comment [6] of the Rule to provide that a disbursement of funds belonging to the lawyer within a period of one month after a fee is earned and paid shall be presumed to be reasonably prompt for purposes of Rule 4-1.15(b). In addition, a longer period may be considered reasonably prompt, in some circumstances.

Supreme Court Rule 5

On December 14, 2016, the Court entered an Order amending Rule 5.15 (Conduct of Hearing – Appointment of Counsel) to address the information that must be provided by a respondent who requests the advisory committee to appoint counsel for the respondent prior to a hearing before a disciplinary hearing panel under Rule 5.

On December 20, 2016, the Court entered an Order amending Rule 5.26 (Designation and Appointment of Trustee). The amended rule includes a new definitional section. The amended rule permits and encourages lawyers to identify a successor trustee on their annual enrollment form. The successor trustee is authorized to transition the law practice of any lawyer who is unable to properly discharge the lawyer's responsibilities to clients due to disability, disappearance, death or a failure to comply with Rule 5.27 following suspension or disbarment. Finally, the amended rule addresses the specific duties and responsibilities of the trustee. The amended rule became effective on July 1, 2017.

On August 4, 2017, the Court entered an Order amending Rule 5.28 (Reinstatement). The amended rule adopts a standardized Application for Reinstatement entitled Disciplinary Form A which is appended to the rule. The averments included on Disciplinary Form A specifically address requirements for reinstatement provided in the rule. The amended rule also states that an applicant for reinstatement must establish by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant is of good moral character, is fit to practice law and that the best interests of the public will be served by reinstatement of the applicant's law license. The amended rule provides eleven factors to consider in determining whether the applicant has met this burden. The amended rule provides that applications for reinstatement will be referred to the chief disciplinary counsel for a character and fitness investigation of the applicant. The amended rule permits the chief disciplinary counsel to contract with the Board of Law Examiners for the Board to conduct the required character and fitness investigation. The amended rule provides that if the Court denies the reinstatement application, it may state a period of time before a subsequent application will be considered. The Court may also provide guidance to the applicant regarding the concerns or conditions that the applicant should address before submission of another application for reinstatement. In conjunction with this rule amendment, the Court also amended relevant provisions of Rule 8 (Admission to the Bar) to permit the Board of Law Examiners to conduct the character and fitness investigation for the chief disciplinary counsel.

Supreme Court Rule 15

The Court entered an Order dated May 17, 2018 and effective July 1, 2018, amending Rule 15.05 (Continuing Legal Education Requirements) to permit accredited programs and activities devoted to professionalism and substance abuse and mental health to be included in lawyers' hourly ethics requirements to be reported to the Bar annually.

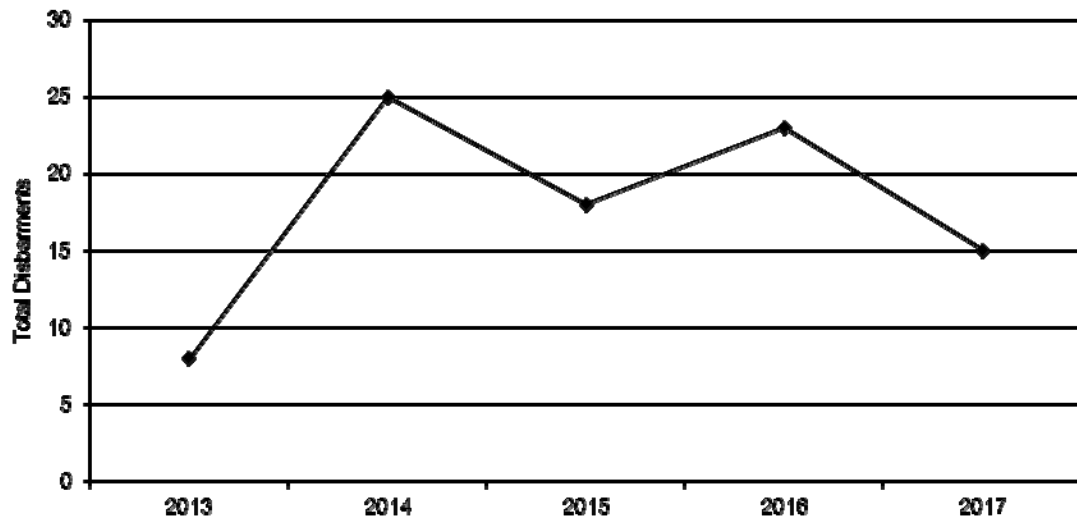
SUMMARY OF DISCIPLINE ACTIONS

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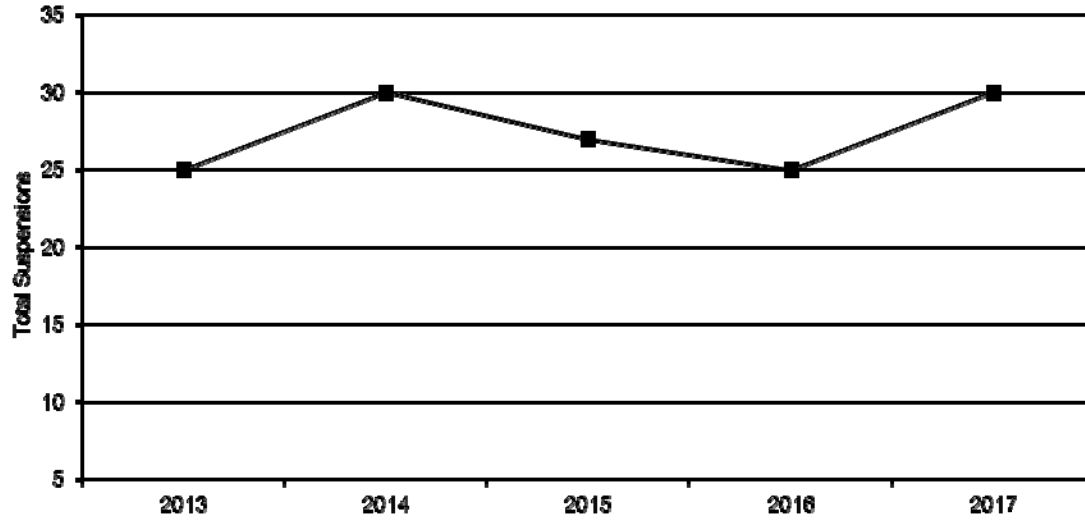
- **15** Fifteen lawyers were disbarred;
- **30** Thirty lawyers were suspended; **seven** of those suspensions were stayed and attorneys placed on probation with conditions; the Court lifted the stay on one lawyer's earlier suspension, revoking his probation; additionally, the Court suspended one lawyer by revoking her probation after reinstatement;
- **6** Six lawyers were placed on probation where no suspension was imposed;
- **45** Forty-five lawyers were suspended pursuant to Rule 5.245 (Failure to Pay Tax);
- **7** Seven lawyers received public reprimands; and
- **87** Eighty-seven written admonitions were administered by the Regional Disciplinary Committees and the OCDC.

On occasion, other pending complaints against a lawyer are dismissed upon that lawyer's disbarment or suspension.

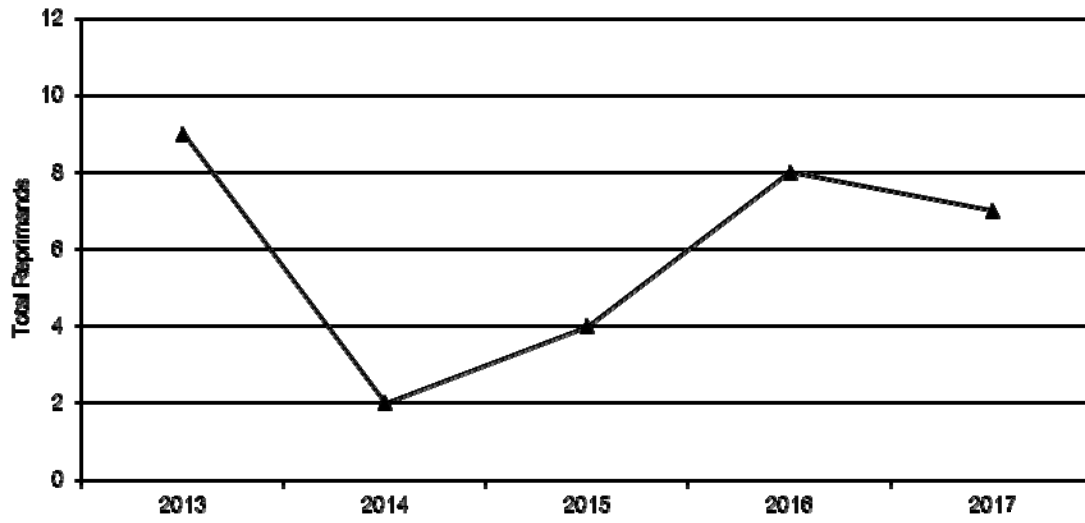
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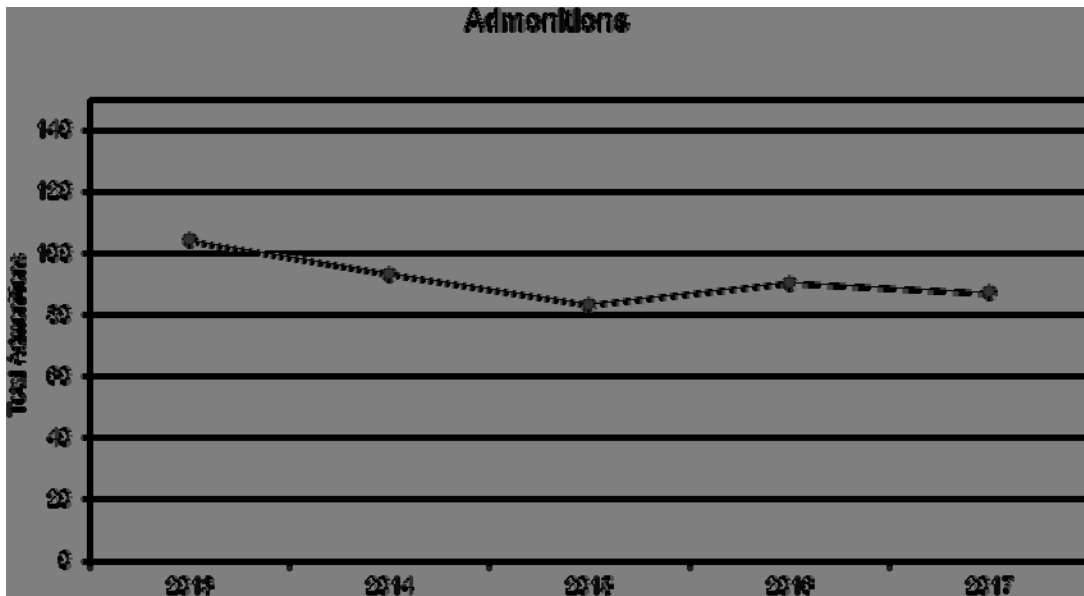
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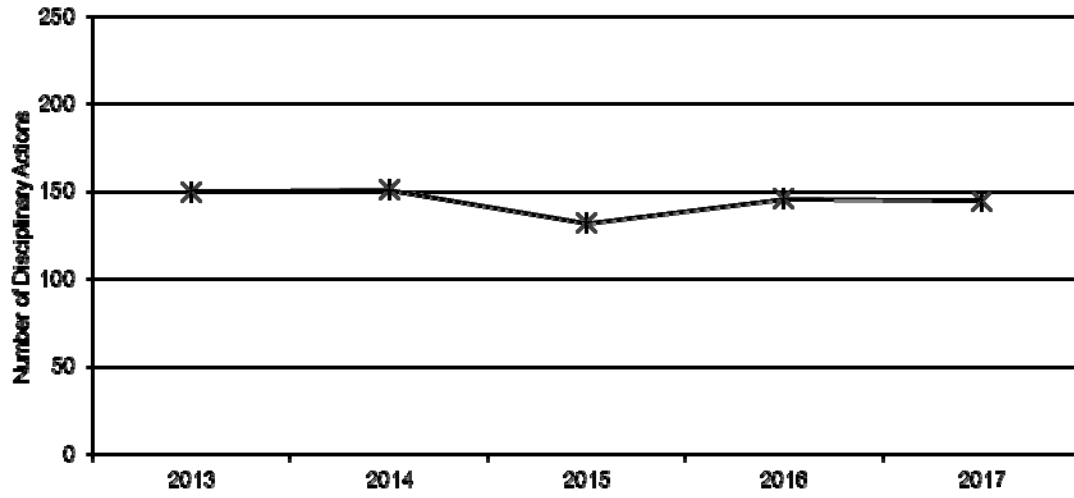
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Total Disciplinary Actions



In 2017, there were a total of (145) disciplinary actions including admonitions and formal discipline matters.

The total number of complaints opened as formal investigations during 2017 was 696. The most common complaint areas are as follows:

NATURE OF VIOLATIONS *	NO.
Rule 4-1.4 (Communication)	316
Rule 4-1.3 (Diligence)	251
Rule 4-1.15 (Safekeeping Property)	145
Rule 4-8.4(c) (Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, Misrepresentation)	105
Rule 4-1.5 (Excessive Fees)	100
Rule 4-1.16 (Improper Withdrawal)	75
Rule 4-1.7 (Conflicts)	58
Rule 4-1.1 (Competence)	26
Rule 4-1.6 (Confidentiality)	24
Rule 4-3.3 (Truth to Tribunal)	16
Rule 4-4.1 (Truth to 3 rd Persons)	12
Rule 4-7.2 (Advertising)	12
Rule 4-5.5 (Unauthorized Practice)	10
Rule 4-3.4 (Obstruction/False Evidence)	6
Rule 4-8.4(b) (Criminal Activity)	6
Rule 4-5.3(b) (Supervisory Responsibility)	5
Rule 4-8.2 (Judicial and Legal Officials)	5
Rule 4-3.8 (Prosecutorial Responsibility)	4
Rule 4-4.2 (Communication with Person Represented by Counsel)	4
Rule 4-1.14 (Diminished Capacity)	1
Rule 4-4.3 (Dealing with Unrepresented Person)	1
Rule 4-8.4(g) (Bias)	1

* Many complaints included more than one allegation.

The most prevalent practice areas which resulted in investigations are as follows:

AREA OF PRACTICE *	NO.
Criminal	179
Domestic	143
Torts	73
Other	65
Estate/Probate	42
Bankruptcy/Receivership	21
Labor Law	21
Contracts	15
Corporate/Banking	14
Real Property	13
Litigation	11
Traffic	11
Workers Compensation	11
Immigration/Naturalization	9
Administrative/Governmental	8
Landlord/Tenant	6
Insurance	4
Civil Rights	3
Collections	3
Taxation	2
Consumer Law	1
Guardianship	1
Patent/Trademark	1

* Investigations involving trust account overdraft notifications made to the OCDC are not included in this tabulation.

Dated at the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel at Jefferson City, Missouri this 5th day of September, 2018.

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LEGAL ETHICS COUNSEL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017

I. LEGAL ETHICS COUNSEL'S ROLE

A. Informal Advisory Opinions

Pursuant to Rule 5.30(c), the Legal Ethics Counsel issues nonbinding informal advisory opinions.

The Legal Ethics Counsel office provided 1,518 oral informal advisory opinions via telephone. Many of these opinions involved multiple questions. Opinions given in conjunction with informal contact at bar meetings and CLE programs are generally not included in this count.

The Legal Ethics Counsel office provided 46 written informal advisory opinions.

The Legal Ethics Counsel office also is conducting a comprehensive review of formerly published informal advisory opinions to ensure accuracy and relevance. This will be an ongoing project.

B. CLE Presentations

The Legal Ethics Counsel office prepared and gave 26 CLE presentations for various groups including: The Missouri Bar, UMKC School of Law, Boone County Bar, Lincoln County Bar, and National Organization of Bar Counsel.

II. ROLE OF THE LEGAL ETHICS COUNSEL TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Rule 5.07(b) provides that the Legal Ethics Counsel shall serve as staff to the Advisory Committee.

A. Review Summaries

Pursuant to Rule 5.12, the Advisory Committee reviews investigation files if the OCDC or a Regional Disciplinary Committee finds no probable cause and the complainant requests review. The Legal Ethics Counsel office summarized and distributed 55 review files to the Advisory Committee.

B. Hearings

The Legal Ethics Counsel office provided assistance with arrangements for hearings, as requested, to Disciplinary Hearing Officers.

The Legal Ethics Counsel administered the hearing process to assist the Chair of the Advisory Committee. As part of this process, the Legal Ethics Counsel proposed hearing panels, provided the file to the hearing panel once the panel was approved by the Chair, monitored the progress of the hearing, and assisted the hearing officers with issues that arose during the course of the process. 42 Informations were filed in 2017.

Rule 5.16 provides, in part:

(e) The written decision of the disciplinary hearing panel shall be filed with the chair of the advisory committee. The chair shall review the panel's decision for the limited purpose of determining that the recommendation for discipline, if any, conforms to this Rule 5 and the sanctions established by the Court. If the chair of the advisory committee determines that the panel's recommendation does not conform, the chair shall direct the disciplinary hearing panel to reconsider its recommendation for discipline. After reconsideration, the panel shall file the revised written decision with the chair of the advisory committee.

(f) The chair of the advisory committee shall serve the written decision of the disciplinary hearing panel by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, on the respondent, the counsel for the informant, and the chief disciplinary counsel.

The Legal Ethics Counsel performed the majority of these duties on behalf of, and in consultation with, the Chair.

C. Budget

The Legal Ethics Counsel prepared a proposed budget for the Advisory Committee and LEC for 2017.

D. Meetings

The Legal Ethics Counsel office coordinated arrangements for four regular Advisory Committee meetings and one budget conference call meeting. The Legal Ethics Counsel office also prepared agendas and meeting materials and prepared the minutes for these meetings.

E. Formal Opinions

The Legal Ethics Counsel provided assistance in relation to reviewing requests for formal opinions and possible appropriate topics for formal opinions.

F. Overdraft Reporting/Financial Institution Approval

Beginning January 1, 2010, Missouri attorneys were required to have their trust accounts at financial institutions “approved” by the Advisory Committee. In order to be approved, the financial institution must enter into an agreement to report insufficient funds situations that arise on attorneys’ trust accounts to the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel. The Legal Ethics Counsel handled issues related to bank name changes, mergers, etc., as they relate to approved status. The Legal Ethics Counsel maintained a list of approved banks on the office website.

G. Other matters

The Legal Ethics Counsel office maintained a website for the Advisory Committee and Legal Ethics Counsel, www.mo-legal-ethics.org. The website includes a list of pending disciplinary matters, a calendar of upcoming disciplinary hearings, information on public access to disciplinary records pursuant to Rule 5.31, articles and CLE materials on legal ethics issues prepared by the Legal Ethics Counsel, and links to various resources. The Legal Ethics Counsel office developed four resource pages for lawyers on specific ethics topics that are posted on its website and will continue to add to those in the future. The Legal Ethics Counsel office also wrote articles for publication in the *Journal of the Missouri Bar*.

Additionally, the Legal Ethics Counsel served on the Planning Committee for The Missouri Bar’s Solo & Small Firm Conference, was elected President-Elect of the National Organization of Bar Counsel in 2017, and served as Chair of the Editorial Board of the *ABA/BNA Lawyers’ Manual on Professional Conduct*.