2012 Statistical Summary
Lawyer Discipline in Washington

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Disciplinary Actions	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Disbarments	23	15	13	21	19	26
Resignation in Lieu of Disbarment	2	3	3	5	9	6
Suspensions	26	26	20	24	18	21
Reprimands	17	21	16	32	18	22
Admonitions	5	16	10	11	10	10
Total Disciplinary Actions	***73***	***81***	***62***	***93***	***74***	***85***
Matters Diverted from Discipline	63	43	22	38	42	34
Transferred to Disability Inactive*	3	1	0	5	4	3

*Non-Disciplinary Action, based on incapacity to practice law

Ethical Violations with Disciplinary Actions Imposed in 2012

Violation	Disbarments	Resignations in Lieu of Disbarment	Suspensions	Reprimands	Admonitions	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Client Confidences					1	**1**	**1 %**
Conflicts			1	1		**2**	**2%**
Criminal Conduct	4	1		2		**7**	**8 %**
Diligence / Competence / Communication			2	5	1	**8**	**10 %**
Dishonesty	1		7	4		**12**	**14 %**
Fees	1		3	3	1	**8**	**10 %**
Litigation Misconduct	2		1	3	2	**8**	**10 %**
Non-Cooperation			1		1	**2**	**2 %**
Practice While Suspended	2					**2**	**2 %**
Theft / Trust Account	16	5	6	4	4	**35**	**42 %**
TOTAL	**26**	**6**	**21**	**22**	**10**	**85**	**100%**

Practice Areas of Disciplinary Actions and Diversions in 2012

Area of Practice	Disbarments	Resignations in Lieu of Disbarment	Suspensions	Reprimands	Admonitions	Diversions	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
Administrative	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	**0 %**
Bankruptcy	0	0	2	0	0	3	**5**	**4 %**
Commercial	0	1	1	1	1	3	**7**	**6%**
Corp./Banking	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	**0 %**
Criminal Law	6	1	2	6	1	6	**22**	**18 %**
Estate / Probate	0	0	3	3	2	1	**9**	**8 %**
Family Law	7	1	5	2	1	9	**25**	**21 %**
Immigration	3	0	1	2	3	5	**14**	**11 %**
Intellectual Prop.	0	0	0	1	0	0	**1**	**1 %**
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	**0 %**
Labor Law	0	1	0	0	0	1	**2**	**2 %**
Real Property	0	0	1	0	1	1	**3**	**3 %**
Taxation	1	0	1	0	0	0	**2**	**2 %**
Torts	6	2	3	2	1	0	**14**	**11 %**
Other	3	0	2	5	0	5	**15**	**13 %**
TOTAL	**26**	**6**	**21**	**21**	**10**	**34**	**119**	**100%**

GRIEVANCES

Disciplinary Grievances, Mediated Matters and Consumer Affairs Contacts			
	2010	**2011**	**2012**
New Disciplinary Grievances (written) Received During Year	2,144	2,156	**2,329**
Disciplinary Grievances (written) Resolved During Year	2,042	2,179	**2,426**
Non-Communication Matters Mediated	154	123	**62**
File Dispute Mediations	169	146	**58**
Consumer Affairs Phone Calls and Interviews	7,492	6,140	**4,978**

Practice Area of Grievances - 2012	
Criminal Law	19%
Family Law	21%
Torts	11%
Estates/Probates/Wills	8%
Real Property	3%
Immigration	12%
Other	15%
Unknown	11%

Source of Grievances Filed			
	2010	**2011**	**2012**
Former Client	31 %	30%	**28%**
Client	17%	19%	**18%**
Opposing Client	20 %	21%	**21%**
Opposing Counsel	2 %	2%	**2%**
Other Lawyers	3 %	1%	**2%**
Judicial	< 1 %	1%	**<1%**
WSBA	10 %	9%	**9%**
Other	16%	17%	**18%**

Audit Staff Activity			
	2010	2011	**2012**
Investigatory "For Cause" Audits	31	32	**36**
Trust Account Overdraft Investigations	84	100	**134**
Random Audits of Law Firms/Number of Lawyers	100/1,064	45/486	**20/555**

DISCIPLINE SYSTEM COSTS

Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection (Makes Gifts to Victims of Lawyers' Dishonesty)			
	FY 2010	**FY 2011**	**FY 2012**
Gifts Made	$554,270	$1,003,458	**$378,574**
Number of Requests Granted	78	72	**39**
Number of Lawyers Involved	23	15	**17**
Annual Assessment Per WA Lawyer	$30	$30	**$30**

Costs Collected from Disciplinary Respondents		
	Collected Costs	**Costs Assessed**
FY 2010	$49,192	$127,759
FY 2011	$50,975	$98,744
FY 2012	**$58,898**	**$72,258**

Funding the Discipline System (Fully funded by lawyers' license fees – no public funding)			
Discipline System Expenses:	**FY 2010**	**FY 2011**	**FY 2012**
Investigation/ Prosecution (net of costs collected from respondents)	$4,002,229	$4,313,309	**$4,260,131**
Trust Account Audits	$288,680	$320,881	**$362,882**
Disciplinary Board Expenses	$255,814	$241,656	**$264,414**
Hearing Officer Expenses	$25,456	$34,245	**$34,066**
Total Discipline System Expenses	$4,572,179	$4,910,091	**$4,921,493**
Percentage of License Fees Spent on Discipline	35% of fees	35% of fees	**35% of fees**

LAWYERS DISCIPLINED / TRANSFERRED TO DISABILITY INACTIVE

2012 Supreme Court Disciplinary Opinions

In re Disciplinary Proceeding Against Conteh, 175 Wn.2d 134, 284 P.3d 724 (2012)
In re Disciplinary Proceeding Against McGrath, 174 Wn.2d 813, 280 P.3d 1091 (2012)
In re Disciplinary Proceeding Against Simmerly, 174 Wn.2d 963, 285P.3d 838 (2012)
In re Disciplinary Proceeding Against Oh, 176 Wn.2d 245, 290 P.3d 963 (2012)

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