

OREGON STATE BAR

Board of Governors Agenda

Meeting Date: February 23, 2024
Memo Date: February 12, 2024
From: Courtney C. Dippel, Disciplinary Counsel
Re: Disciplinary Counsel's Status Report

1. Decisions Received.

a. Supreme Court

Since the Board of Governors last met, the Supreme Court took the following action in disciplinary matters:

- Accepted the Form B Resignation of Ashland lawyer Drew WS Cutler.
- Accepted the Form B Resignation of Hood River lawyer Samantha M. Benton.
- Approved a Stipulation for Discipline suspending Portland lawyer Deanna L. Wray for 9 months.

b. Disciplinary Board

Two Disciplinary Board trial panel opinions became final since the BOG last met:

- *In re Kevin Elliott Parks* of Portland (disbarment).
- *In re Rex Kyle Daines* of Salem (reprimand)

Since the Board of Governors last met, the Adjudicator took the following action in disciplinary matters:

- Approved BR 7.1 suspensions in *In re James Mills* of Portland, *In re James Lee von Boeckmann* of Astoria, *In re Tammy R. Schilling* of Lebanon, *In re Andrew C. Downs* of St. Helens, *In re Joshua L. Lipps* of Lake Oswego, and *In re Charles D. Young* of Portland.
- Approved stipulations for discipline in *In re Melissa A. Riddell* of Corvallis (60-day suspension), *In re Adam Michael Starr* of Portland (reprimand), and *In re Katie H. Haraguchi* of Portland (reprimand).

2. Decisions Pending.

The following matters are pending before the Supreme Court:

In re Jason P. Munn – Request for review filed September 22, 2023; oral argument scheduled for May 9, 2024.

The following matters are under advisement before the Adjudicator of the Disciplinary Board:

None.

The following matters are under advisement before a trial panel of the Disciplinary Board:

In re Gregory Mark Abel – trial held December 13-15, 2023

3. Trials.

The following matters are on our trial docket in coming months:

In re David J. Celuch – April 8-12, 2024

In re John Cochran – April 18-19, 2024

In re Derek J. Ashton – May 7-10, 2024

In re Jason P. Munn – May 13-15, 2024

In re Michael James Buroker – May 20-23, 2024

In re James Mills – June 3-12, 2024

In re Brooks F. Cooper – July 22-August 1, 2024

4. Diversions.

The following diversion agreements have been entered into since the BOG last met:

In re Lauren M. Kauffman – effective February 1, 2024 (one year).

5. Admonitions.

The SPRB issued two admonitions since the BOG last met.

6. New Matters.

Below is a table of complaint numbers in 2024, compared to prior years. The 2020 column shows both complaints (first #) and the number of lawyers named in those complaints (second #):

MONTH	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	23/24	22	11	24	27
February	24/25	21	18	15	
March	11/11	37	15	26	
April	12/12	27	30	27	
May	21/22	27	29	28	
June	16/16	25	29	18	
July	17/18	19	25	14	
August	16/16	30	23	25	
September	15/16	19	20	12	
October	25/27	16	19	67	
November	30/32	30	18	26	
December	37/37	19	17	19	
TOTALS	247/256	292	254	301	27

As of February 1, 2024, there were 197 new matters awaiting disposition by Disciplinary Counsel staff or the SPRB. Of these matters, 46% are less than three months old, 14% are three to six months old, and 40% are more than six months old.

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