

## **RESEARCH TIPS FOR ONLINE KEYWORD SEARCHES**

This index was designed to users in researching Board opinions. All of the Board's recent opinions can be found on the Supreme Court's Website at:

<http://www.pacourts.us/courts/supreme-court/committees/supreme-court-boards/disciplinary-board-opinions/>

On the initial screen there is a choice of search modes; Board docket number, Supreme Court docket number, date or Keywords. If you choose Keywords, you may search using terms and phrases. Listed below are topics and common search terms to enable faster access to relevant cases. This is not an exhaustive list, but covers the basic concepts found in the opinions. General terms, such as suspension, disbarment, public censure, private reprimand and informal admonition, can always be used to get the broadest variety of cases. Following are some key words to use in such a search:

### **CLIENT NEGLECT**

- Competent Representation
- Diligence
- Failure to Communicate
- Failure to keep client informed
- Failure to return files
- Misrepresentation
- Neglect
- Prompt Distribution
- Unearned Fees

### **BRAUN**

- Addiction
- ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder)
- Alcohol
- Bipolar Disorder
- Causal Connection
- Cocaine
- Depressive Disorder
- Expert Witness
- Fitness
- Practice Monitor
- Probation
- Psychological Problems
- Unfit to Practice

### **CLIENT FUNDS**

- Commingling
- Conversion
- Converted Trust Funds
- Dishonest Conduct
- Inadequate Record Keeping
- Misappropriation
- Mismanagement of Client Funds
- Self-Dealing

### **REINSTATEMENT**

- Competence
- Disbarment
- Forever Barred from Practice
- Keller
- Learning
- Moral Qualifications
- Rehabilitation
- Suspension

### **UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW**

- Failed to Remove Nameplate
- Inactive Status
- Letterhead
- Non-Lawyer Entity
- Practice in Federal Court
- Sharing Legal Fees
- Unauthorized Practice

**MITIGATING FACTORS**

Admission of Wrongdoing  
Braun  
Causal Connection  
Character Witnesses  
Community Activities  
Cooperation  
Isolated Incident  
No Prior Discipline  
Remorse  
Reputation  
Restitution

**AGGRAVATING FACTORS**

Abandoned Law Practice  
Cavalier Attitude  
Cooperation  
Failure to Appear  
Lack of Candor  
Lack of Remorse  
Misrepresentation to Hearing Committee  
Prior Arrests  
Prior Discipline

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Bar Application  
Contempt  
Court Orders  
Fee Dispute  
Intentional Prevarication  
Law Firm  
Striking Opposing Counsel  
Support

**CRIMINAL CONVICTION**

Accessory After the Fact  
Aiding and Abetting  
Bribery  
Conspiracy  
Conviction  
Corrupting Morals of Minor  
DUI  
Failure to File Tax Returns  
False Reports  
False Statements  
Forgery  
Fraud  
Harassment  
Homicide by Vehicle  
Income Tax  
Indecent Assault  
Leaving Scene of an Accident  
Mail Fraud  
Misprision of Felony  
Money Laundering  
Mutilation of Government Records  
Passport Fraud  
Pension Fund Fraud  
Possession with Intent to Deliver  
Racketeering  
Recklessly Endangering  
Retail Theft  
Simple Assault  
Tax Evasion  
Theft  
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle