

Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Fact Sheet

- The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of PA was created in November 1972.
- The Disciplinary Board is an independent agency under the Supreme Court's jurisdiction.
- The Disciplinary Board is comprised of 13 members, of whom 11 are attorneys and two are non-lawyers from across the state of Pennsylvania.
- The Disciplinary Board's goals are to protect the public, maintain the integrity of the legal profession and to safeguard the reputation of the courts.
- The purpose of the disciplinary system is to assist the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in performing its constitutional duty to regulate attorney conduct.
- All attorneys who practice law in Pennsylvania are licensed by the Supreme Court.
- The Disciplinary Board is funded by the annual registration fees each attorney is required to pay when licensed to practice in the Commonwealth. The Disciplinary Board receives no tax funds.
- The Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) is responsible for receiving and investigating complaints against attorneys in each district.
- Complaints against attorneys are filed with the District Offices which have jurisdiction over the counties where the lawyers practice. There are four District Offices, which represent the 67 counties. They are located in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Trooper, and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
- To learn if an attorney has been recently disciplined, visit the [Recent Supreme Court Actions](#) page of the Web site.
- Within 24 business hours after a Supreme Court Order is entered, the action is posted in the [Recent Discipline table](#). The individual attorney information is automatically updated as well.