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TO: Disciplinary Counsel, Bar Counsel, Certified Grievance Committees, and Respondents' Counsel

FROM: Rick Dove

DATE: October 2023

RE: Bimonthly Update

October Board Meeting

The Board of Professional Conduct met on October 6 and approved [three case reports](#), each of which was filed with the Supreme Court the afternoon of October 6. The final Board meeting of the year is scheduled for December 8.

The Board has 24 pending cases, 12 of which are scheduled for hearing. Four cases are awaiting answers, and the remaining cases are stayed due to defaults, pending resignations, or a pending impairment examination. The Board has opened 26 new cases this year.

Advisory Opinions

The Board approved three advisory opinions on October 6:

- [Adv. Op. 2023-9](#)—regarding preparation of an application to settle a minor's claim (replacing Adv. Op. 1996-2);
- [Adv. Op. 2023-10](#)—addressing a lawyer's obligations regarding letters of protection (replacing Adv. Op. 1995-12); and
- [Adv. Op. 2023-11](#)—providing guidance regarding nonlawyer employee bonus plans.

Disciplinary Counsel Reappointment

I am pleased to report that Joe Caligiuri has been reappointed to a second, four-year term as Disciplinary Counsel. The Board conducted an evaluation of Joe's initial four-year term and unanimously endorsed his reappointment in a report provided to the Supreme Court in mid-June. The Court approved the reappointment in late August. The Board appreciates the input and letters of support provided by respondents' counsel and bar counsel as part of the evaluation process.

Probable Cause Deadlines

The final probable cause deadlines of 2023 are October 27 and November 27. If you have complaints for probable cause review after November 27, please e-File those complaints and we will attempt to have those assigned to a panel for review prior to the end of the year. Complaints with probable cause waivers may be submitted through the probable cause e-Filing portal at any time.

2023 Miller-Becker Seminar

A reminder that October 10 is the deadline to [register](#) for the October 20 Miller-Becker Seminar. As of October 6, we are close to capacity for this year's seminar.