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

FROM: Rick Dove

DATE: August 2023

RE: Bimonthly Update

August Board Meeting

The Board of Professional Conduct met on August 4 and approved [five case reports](#), each of which was filed with the Supreme Court the afternoon of August 4. The next Board meeting is October 6.

The Board has 24 pending cases, one of which is awaiting report and 11 of which are scheduled for hearing. Three cases are awaiting hearing dates, and the remaining cases are stayed due to defaults, pending resignations, or pending criminal proceedings. The Board has opened 21 new cases this year.

Advisory Opinions

The Board approved two advisory opinions on August 4:

- [Adv. Op. 2023-7](#)—addressing the ability of a discharged lawyer to solicit a former client; and
- [Adv. Op. 2023-8](#)—relative to a lawyer's ability to enter into an agreement under which the lawyer will reimburse his or her former firm for advertising costs.

Probable Cause Deadlines

The next two probable cause deadlines are August 25 and September 22. New complaints with probable cause waivers may be submitted through the probable cause e-Filing portal at any time.

2023 Miller-Becker Seminar

Please mark your calendar for the 2023 Miller-Becker seminar to be held on October 20 at the Ohio State Bar Association Headquarters. As mentioned previously, the agenda will include the following topics:

- Determining the Sanction (Board panel discussion with hypotheticals)
- Appellate Advocacy (simulated oral argument and panel discussion)
- Respondents' Counsel Roundtable (panel discussion)
- PMBR Implementation Update
- Disciplinary Case Trends
- Disciplinary Process Overview (optional)

Bar counsel and grievance committee chairs are asked to share this information with their committee members. Look for an email in late September that includes the online registration link.