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FROM: Rick Dove

DATE: June 2024

RE: Bimonthly Update

June Board Meeting

The Board of Professional Conduct held met on June 7 and approved <u>four case reports</u>, each of which was filed with the Supreme Court the afternoon of June 7. The Board voted to reject a proposed consent-to-discipline agreement and remanded the case to the hearing panel for further proceedings. The Board's next meeting is August 2.

The Board has 27 pending cases, including 12 cases that either have been submitted to panels for decision or are awaiting post-hearing briefs. An additional 13 cases are scheduled for hearing this month through early October. After a somewhat fast start to the year, new filings have tapered off in the past two months with just one new case filed since mid-April.

Advisory Opinion

On June 7, the Board approved Adv. Op. 2024-4, addressing the mediation or arbitration of fee disputes between lawyers who formerly were in the same law firm.

Probable Cause Deadlines

The next two probable cause deadlines are June 21 and July 19. Please submit your probable cause materials in accordance with these deadlines to facilitate review and processing. New complaints with probable cause waivers may be e-Filed at any time.

2024 Miller-Becker Seminar

The 2024 Miller-Becker Seminar will be held on Friday, October 25 at the University of Akron Law School. The seminar will feature keynote presentation from Texas A&M law professor Susan Fortney. The planning committee is working to identify topics for other segments of the seminar, and more information regarding the agenda will be available in the update I provide following the August 2 Board meeting. Seminar registration will be available in late September.