

OHIO BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Case Statistics 2013-2015

Supreme Court Disciplinary Decisions on Report of Board

	2013		2014		2015	
	Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total
All Decisions (Excluding Reinstatements)	44	-	52	-	50	-
Consent-to-Discipline Cases	4	9%	10	19%	11	22%
Default Cases (Indefinite Suspension)	4	9%	12	23%	21	42%
Respondent with Prior Disciplinary Record	9	21%	15	29%	14	28%
Court Modified Board's Recommended Sanction	8	19%	9	17%	9	18%
Court Decreased Sanction	2	5%	2	14%	4	8%
Court Increased Sanction	6	14%	7	4%	5	10%
Reinstatements to the Practice of Law	13	-	17	-	10	-
Reinstatements upon Petition	1	8%	6	35%	4	40%
Reinstatements upon Application	12	92%	11	65%	6	60%

Active Registered Attorneys

	2013	2014	2015
Active Registered Attorneys	44,073	44,985	44,157
Awards to Victims of Lawyers	\$1,142,572	\$782,741	\$767,081

Total Grievances

Total Grievances for Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC)

Total Grievances for Certified Grievance Committee (CGC)

Total Dismissals

Dismissed after initial review by ODC

Dismissed after initial review by CGC

Total Investigations

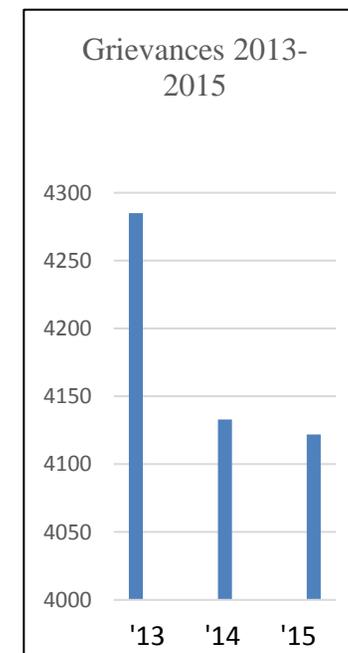
Opened for Investigation by ODC

Opened for Investigation by CGC

	2013	2014	2015
Total Grievances	4285	4133	4122
Total Grievances for Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC)	2678 (63%)	2586 (63%)	2392 (58%)
Total Grievances for Certified Grievance Committee (CGC)	1607 (38%)	1547 (37%)	1730 (42%)
Total Dismissals	2175	1864	1830
Dismissed after initial review by ODC	1298 (60%)	1431 (77%)	1439 (79%)
Dismissed after initial review by CGC	877 (42%)	433 (23%)	391 (21%)
Total Investigations	2110	2269	2292
Opened for Investigation by ODC	1228 (59%)	1046 (46%)	978 (43%)
Opened for Investigation by CGC	882 (41%)	1223 (54%)	1314 (57%)

Complaints filed with the Board

	2013	2014	2015
Complaints filed with the Board	71	104	77



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The Ohio Disciplinary System: Historical Data

2013 2014 2015

Sanction Imposed by Type (All Cases)

Public Reprimand	7	2	8
Term Suspension	12	27	22
Indefinite Suspension	16	22	4
Permanent Disbarment	5	3	2
Dismissal on Merits	2	1	1

Consent to Discipline

Public Reprimand	1	5	9
Term Suspension	2	4	2

Judicial Misconduct

Gov.Bar R. V	1	5	3
Gov.Jud.R. II(5)	0	1	0
Dismissals	0	0	0

Miscellaneous Disciplinary Disposition

Resignation Discipline Pending	6	18	20
Resignation Denied	1	0	0
Interim Remedial Suspension	0	3	3
Child Support Suspension	3	1	1
Interim Felony Suspension	9	13	14
Mental Illness Suspension	2	0	0
Reciprocal Discipline	5	7	1

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Types of Misconduct in Grievances Opened for Investigation*	2013	2014	2015
1. Advertising/solicitation	2%	1%	1%
2. Assisting UPL	1%	1%	0%
3. Breach of client confidence	1%	2%	1%
4. Commingling of funds	0%	1%	0%
5. Communication with represented adverse party	1%	1%	1%
6. Conflict client's interest	4%	3%	3%
7. Conflict lawyer's interest	3%	2%	1%
8. Conversion	2%	2%	2%
9. Criminal Conviction	1%	1%	1%
10. Embezzlement	1%	0%	0%
11. Excessive fees	13%	11%	9%
12. Failure to account or turn over file	7%	5%	5%
13. Failure to file income tax returns	0%	0%	0%
14. Failure to maintain funds in trust	13%	12%	12%
15. Failure to register	1%	0%	0%
16. Improper withdrawal (refusal to withdraw)	1%	1%	1%
17. Judicial misconduct	10%	6%	5%
18. Mental Illness	0%	0%	0%
19. Misrepresentation/false statement/concealment	6%	3%	3%
20. Neglect/failure to protect client's interest	36%	29%	26%
21. Personal misconduct	13%	8%	7%
22. Practicing while under suspension	1%	7%	1%
23. Substance abuse	1%	0%	0%
24. Trial misconduct	6%	6%	5%
25. Other	7%	5%	3%

* Data derived from the categorization of the grievances opened for investigation as reported in the corresponding year's quarterly reports.

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Top 5 Disciplinary Offenses of 2015

1. Neglect/failure to protect client's interest
2. Failure to maintain funds in trust
3. Excessive fees
4. Personal misconduct
5. Judicial Misconduct

	2015	3-Year Avg.
1. Neglect/failure to protect client's interest	26%	30.33%
2. Failure to maintain funds in trust	12%	12.67%
3. Excessive fees	9%	11.33%
4. Personal misconduct	7%	9.33%
5. Judicial Misconduct	5%	5.67%

