

# News & Events

## YLS Raises Funds for Charitable Causes at Holiday Events

Members of the CBA Young Lawyers Section (YLS) and the New Haven County Bar Association (NHCBA) gathered at Stony Creek Brewery in Branford for Trivia for a Cause on November 20. The event served as a charitable fundraiser and included a trivia contest hosted by CBA YLS Executive Committee member Alison J. Toumekian. Attendees were encouraged to provide non-perishable food items which were provided to the New Haven food pantry Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. A total of \$500 in monetary donations was also raised in advance of and during the event for the YLS and NHCBA's Horn of Plenty Food Drive, which supported Connecticut Foodshare's Thanksgiving for All fundraiser.

A few weeks later, YLS members gathered on December 6 at Elicit Brewing in Manchester for the section's annual holiday party. During the event, over \$300 in contributions were raised for the Feeding Families Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is to cover the cost of three meals per day for the parents/caregivers of pediatric patients during their hospital stay.

"Thank you to everyone who joined us for these events and helped support these great causes," stated YLS Chair Sara J. O'Brien. "We are pleased to have been able to provide an opportunity for our members to network and socialize with one another while also helping to support those in need."

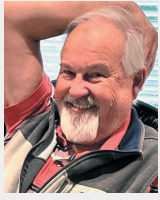


*CBA YLS and New Haven County Bar Association members joined together at Stony Creek Brewery in Branford for Trivia for a Cause.*



*Over 50 YLS members celebrated at Elicit Brewing in Manchester during the section's holiday party.*

## IN MEMORIAM



**Robert J. Hannon** passed away on December 15, 2023 at the age of 72. He received a BA from Washington University in St. Louis in 1974; a master's

degree in City Planning from The Georgia Institute of Technology in 1981; and a JD from UConn in 1991. Attorney Hannon pursued a career in city and urban planning with various towns, including Midstate Regional Planning Agency in Middletown; Woodbury; and Manchester. He later joined the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) as an environmental analyst and was later promoted to supervisor within the agency; he retired in 2021. Among his many responsibilities within the agency, Attorney Hannon represented the DEEP Commissioner on the Connecticut Siting Council, becoming a permanent member in 2023. In addition to his full-time job, he maintained a robust law practice specializing in real estate and probate, for which he served as Conservator of Person and Estate for numerous clients in Connecticut for more than 30 years. In addition to his professional career, Attorney Hannon served as the Town of Farmington Hearing Officer; Charter Revision Commissioner; a Plan of Development Committee member; Conservation Commission member and Chairman; Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission member and Chairman; Farmington Land Trust ex-officio member; Town's Land Acquisition Committee member; and on the

Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Committee.



**Robert William Marrison** passed away on December 9, 2023, at the age of 92. He attended the College of the Holy Cross on a Naval Reserve Officer Training


Corps scholarship, graduating in 1952. Following graduation, Attorney Marrison served in the Navy as Gunnery Officer on Destroyer USS Watts (DD567), leaving the Navy as a Lieutenant JG. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1958 and moved to New London where he began his 40+ year career practicing law, first at McGarry Prince McGarry & Marrison and later at Waller Smith and Palmer, where he worked until his retirement in 2001. His career included his long service as Town Attorney for East Lyme. In 1966, early in his career, Attorney Marrison worked with a group of lawyers to establish Legacy, New London's first legal aid organization. He served as its president before it was incorporated into Connecticut Statewide Legal Services. Attorney Marrison also served for many years on the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee as well as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mitchell College. He was a founding member and the first Board President of the Pequot Community Foundation (now the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut). After his retirement, he served as a tutor at the Benny Dover Jackson Middle School in New

London and as a Literary Volunteer at the Gates Correctional Institution.



**Seale Wilder Tuttle** passed away on December 23, 2023 at the age of 81. He attended Cornell University, where he graduated with a degree in Industrial and

Labor Relations, and was immediately commissioned into the Army as a Field Artillery officer. Following artillery basic officer training and Airborne School, he was stationed at Bismarck Kaserne, Schwäbisch Gmünd, West Germany, and was later deployed to the Republic of Vietnam. Upon his final separation from the Army, his honors included the Aircraft Crewman Badge, Parachute Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal (5 Awards), Purple Heart, and Bronze Star Medal. After his service, he served as a patrol officer in Upstate New York, while studying at Cornell Law School. After law school, he became the Assistant District Attorney of Tompkins County, and later joined the New York State Organized Crime Task Force (OCTF) as an Assistant Attorney General. Next, he joined the firm of Bouck Holloway Kiernan & Casey in Albany, where he became partner. In 1987, Attorney Seale joined the specialized-risk company Industrial Risk Insurers (IRI) of Hartford, where he eventually became Vice President and General Counsel through the remainder of his professional career.



— SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT —

**The CBA Is Officially Moving**

We have sold our building in New Britain and will operate remotely for the next several months until we move into our new, permanent location. During this transitional time, all CBA member services will remain uninterrupted. Please call or email us if you need any help or have any questions. We will keep you informed of further updates as they are available.

## Upcoming Education Calendar

Register at [ctbar.org/CLE](https://ctbar.org/CLE)

### FEBRUARY

- 5 The Employment Debate: Legal Challenges in Recognizing College Athletes as Employees**
- 6 An Overview of Domestic Violence Cases**
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## PEERS AND CHEERS

**Steven A. Certilman** is pleased to announce that he is now devoted full professional time to serving as an international and domestic arbitrator and mediator of commercial, employment, and construction disputes. He is also honored to have been recently selected by the Silicon Valley Arbitration & Mediation Center to join its 2023 List of the World's Leading Technology Neutrals (the "Tech List"), which is known as a premier panel of exceptionally qualified arbitrators and mediators also known for their skill in crafting business-practical solutions for actual or potential disputes involving technology or the tech sector.

**Furey Donovan Cooney & Dyer PC** has announced the addition of **Molly Plante** to the firm. She will focus her practice on wills, probate, and real estate transactions.

Litigation law firm **Gfeller Laurie LLP** is pleased to announce the launch of its Healthcare and Professional Liability practice group and the addition of partners **Karen Noble** and **Edward W. 'Ed' Mayer, Jr.**, who have been named co-chairs of the new practice group, and **Gabriella L. Izzo**, who joined the firm as an associate. In addition, Gfeller Laurie increases its bench strength and depth of experience across all defense litigation practice groups, including the Healthcare and Professional Liability practice group, with the additions of Attorneys **Christine Blethen** and **Hannah Lauer**.

**Kahan Kerensky Capossela LLP** in Vernon has announced the promotion of **Allison Poirier** to partner. She has been a member of the firm's Estate Planning Department since

2013 and focuses on complex estate planning and wealth transfer issues.

**John N. Montalbano** announces the relocation of his firm, **Montalbano law LLC**, from West Hartford to 262 Marlborough St., PO Box 246, in Portland. The firm concentrates in personal injury and Workers' Compensation claims for injured persons.

**Robinson+Cole** is pleased to announce the promotion of Trevor Bradley, Dan Brody, and Scott Garosshen to Counsel. **Trevor Bradley** is a member of the firm's Business Litigation and Intellectual Property + Technology Groups. His commercial litigation practice focuses on intellectual property litigation and competition claims, including non-compete, trade secret, and unfair and deceptive trade practices claims. **Dan Brody** is a member of the firm's Litigation Section, including the Business Litigation Group and the Government Enforcement and White-Collar Defense, and Internal Investigations and Corporate Compliance Teams. He focuses his practice on complex business litigation, government and internal investigations, corporate compliance, and criminal defense matters. **Scott Garosshen** is a member of the firm's Business Litigation Group and Appellate Practice Group. They focus their practice on appellate legal needs at the federal and state level, managing all aspects of appellate litigation, from pre-appeal consults with trial counsel to secure appellate strategy to briefing and oral argument at the appellate level.

# CBA Celebrates Its 100 Presidents



*(L to R) CBA Past Presidents Barry C. Hawkins (2012-2013); Louis R. Pepe (2005-2006); Monte E. Frank (2016-2017); Hon. Cecil J. Thomas (2021-2022); Mark A. Dubois (2014-2015); Daniel J. Horgan (2022-2023); Hon. Kimberly A. Knox (2013-2014); Keith Bradoc Gallant (2011-2012); Rosemary E. Giuliano (1994-1995); Livia DeFilippis Barndollar (2008-2009); Frederic S. Ury (2004-2005); Donat C. Marchand (2000-2001); Barbara J. Collins (2001-2002); current CBA President Maggie Castinada; CBA Past Presidents William H. Clendenen, Jr. (2015-2016); Amy Lin Meyerson (2020-2021); Jonathan M. Shapiro (2018-2019); and Francis J. Brady (2009-2010)*

**Past presidents and members of the Board of Governors and House of Delegates** gathered on November 30 for a gala celebrating 100 presidents of the Connecticut Bar Association at Anthony’s Ocean View in New Haven.

CBA President Maggie Castinada welcomed attendees and thanked the past presidents in attendance for their involvement in maintaining and advancing the CBA over the years. “All of the work that we are able to do today is based on the efforts that you have put in in the past, and you have given us a well-oiled machine,” stated President Castinada. “This is a way to thank you and to honor you for all you’ve done.”

President Castinada introduced two CBA past presidents, Louis R. Pepe (2005-2006) and Monte E. Frank (2016-2017), who each spoke at the gala. In his remarks, Past President Pepe thanked the CBA for the many experiences and lessons he had gained through

his membership and encouraged those in attendance to “go forth and preach the gospel, the gospel of membership and active participation in our great organization.”

Past President Frank spoke about the ongoing relevance of the CBA to legal professionals in Connecticut. He highlighted the CBA’s pro bono efforts, the work that CBA sections undertake in supporting their members, and the association’s important relationship with the American Bar Association. He also noted the significant growth in diversity achieved by the association’s Diversity & Inclusion Pledge & Plan, concluding, “I hope that this progression will continue. It will make us a better bar and a better legal community.”

The celebration of the history and achievement of the Connecticut Bar Association continued with dinner, dancing, and socializing among attendees.

## CBA HOSTS 2023 PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS DINNER



*(L to R) CBA Presidential Fellows Committee Co-Chair Lucas Hernandez, 2023-2025 CBA Presidential Fellows Kaydeen M. Maitland, Dayna Chucta, Emilio A. Estrella, Tamara J. Titre, Miriam E. Hasbun, Aaron Arias, and CBA Vice President and Presidential Fellows Committee Co-Chair Emily A. Gianquinto.*

**Current and past CBA presidential** fellows and association leaders gathered at Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange on December 5 for the annual Presidential Fellows Dinner.

At the event, the 2022-2024 and 2023-2025 presidential fellows and other attendees enjoyed dinner and a panel presentation moderated by Presidential Fellows Committee Co-Chair Lucas Hernandez, which consisted of CBA Vice-President and Presidential Fellows Committee Co-Chair Emily A. Gianquinto, CBA past President Mark Dubois, and presidential fellows program alumni Yamuna Menon and Suphi Philip.

Vice President Gianquinto initiated the dinner by introducing herself and her fellow co-chair Lucas Hernandez as alumni of the presidential fellows program. She emphasized that the event is meant to provide the opportunity for new fellows to meet and socialize with other fellows, alumni of the program, and leaders of CBA sections.



*CBA President Maggie Castinado (pictured sixth from the right) joined current presidential fellows and alumni of the presidential fellows program attending the dinner.*

Co-Chair Hernandez asked the panelists about their reasons for applying to become presidential fellows, what they most enjoyed from their experiences in the programs, and in what ways the Connecticut Bar Association has assisted them in their careers. Vice President Gianquinto encouraged the new presidential fellows to “be proactive as much as you can,” noting that the personal and professional connections she developed through the presidential fellows program and other CBA events have been among the most important benefits of her membership in the association.

The CBA Presidential Fellows Program was launched in 2015 as a prestigious leadership development program for the future leaders of the Connecticut legal profession. New Presidential Fellows are selected each year and assigned to the executive committee of a sponsoring CBA section. Graduates of the program have gone on to hold prominent leadership positions within the Connecticut Bar Association and the Connecticut legal community at large.

The CBA congratulates all the current Presidential Fellows and looks forward to seeing their development and achievements within the association.



*CBA President Maggie Castinado presented welcoming remarks at the gala.*

## CBA PRESIDENT PARTICIPATES IN CONNECTICUT JUDICIAL BRANCH CIVICS ACADEMY

On November 9, CBA President Maggie Castinado and Hon. Nuala E. Drony, Connecticut Superior Court judge, visited Bristol's Greene-Hills School as part of the Connecticut Judicial Branch's Civics Academy program, where they taught two fifth grade classes about the importance of rules and fairness in society, how our representative democracy functions, and the ways that even young children can participate in democracy.

The Civics Academy, created in partnership between the Connecticut Judicial Branch, the Connecticut Bar Association, and the Connecticut State Department of Education, consists of a group of judges and attorneys who visit elementary school classes from grades four to six to present civics education lessons to teach young students about their role in American representative democracy. ■



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# Professional Discipline Digest

VOLUME 32 NUMBER 1 | By JOHN Q. GALE

**Presentment** ordered for violation of Rules 1.5(b), 8.1(2), 8.4(4) and P.B. § 2-32(a)(1) where attorney, with four prior reprimands in the preceding eight years, accepted a partial retainer in paternity matter but failed to provide a written agreement, failed to appear in court, and failed to respond to the grievance complaint. *Figueroa v. Alisha C. Mathers*, #21-0258.

**Presentment** ordered for violation of Rules 1.4(a)(3), 1.4(a)(4), 1.5(a), 1.5(b), 1.15(d), 1.16(d), 8.1(2), 8.4(3) and 8.4(4) and P.B. § 2-32(a)(1) when attorney, with five prior successful presentments in preceding five years, accepted a retainer to draft a will but provided no services, failed to communicate with client, and failed to respond to grievance complaint. *McQuillan v. Robert O. Wynne*, #21-0067.

**Presentment** ordered for violation of Rules 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5(a), 1.5(b), 1.6, 1.7, 1.15(f), 1.16(d), 8.1(2), and 8.4(4) and P.B. § 2-32(a)(1) where attorney accepted a case when she could not properly communicate with client due to limitations placed by DOC, failed to provide fee agreement, failed to answer the grievance complaint, violated attorney client privilege by communicating with third parties, had a conflict with another client, failed to refund any unused retainer when terminated, and has extensive prior disciplinary history. *Charette v. Alisha C. Mathers*, #21-0103.

**Presentment** ordered for violation of Rule 1.15(e), 8.1(2), 8.4(3), and 8.4(4) where attorney with extensive disciplinary history failed to deliver funds due to creditor from closing, avoided repeated requests for same, and failed to respond to grievance complaint. *Apanovitch v. Robert O. Wynne*, #21-0102.

**Agreed disposition of reprimand** where likely that attorney's conduct violated Rules 8.1(2) and 8.4(4). *New London J.D. Grievance Panel v. John A. Pinheiro*, #19-0480.

**Agreed disposition of reprimand** where likely that attorney's conduct violated Rules 1.3, 1.4(a), 1.5(a), 1.15(e), 8.1(2), and 8.4(4) and P.B. § 2-32(a)(1). Attorney agreed to make **restitution** of \$2,250.00 within two weeks. *Perduta v. Robert L. Fiedler*, #20-0194.

**Agreed disposition** that attorney will take three hours of in-person CLE in IOLTA management within nine months, in addition to the annual CLE requirements, where likely that attorney's conduct violated Rules 1.5(b) and 8.1(2) and P.B. § 2-32(a)(1). *Liongson v. Toya A. Graham*, #20-0282.

**Agreed disposition** that attorney will take three hours of in-person CLE in IOLTA management within nine months, in addition to the annual CLE requirements, where likely that attorney's conduct violated Rules 1.4(a)(2), 1.4(a)(3), 1.4(a)(4), 1.15(d), and 1.15(e). *Paisner v. Thomas J. Lengyel*, #20-0387.

**Agreed disposition** that attorney will take three hours of in-person CLE in legal ethics within nine months, in addition to the annual CLE requirements, for violation of Rule 8.4(4) where attorney admitted she violated an agreement which resolved a prior grievance complaint. *Staines v. Norma L. Arel*, #20-0464.

**Agreed disposition** in which attorney agrees to audit of his IOLTA account for prior four years and to enter binding fee dispute arbitration with Complainant within 30 days where likely that attorney's conduct violated Rules 1.5(b),

**Prepared by CBA Professional Discipline Committee members** from public information records, this digest summarizes decisions by the State-wide Grievance Committee resulting in disciplinary action taken against an attorney as a result of violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The reported cases cite the specific rule violations to heighten the awareness of lawyers' acts or omissions that lead to disciplinary action.

Presentments to the superior court are de novo proceedings, which may result in dismissal of the presentment by the court or the imposition of discipline, including reprimand, suspension for a period of time, disbarment, or such other discipline the court deems appropriate.

A complete reprint of each decision may be obtained by visiting [jud.ct.gov/sgc-decisions](http://jud.ct.gov/sgc-decisions). Questions may be directed to editor-in-chief, Attorney John Q. Gale, at [jgale@jgglaw.com](mailto:jgale@jgglaw.com).

1.15(b), 1.15(j), and 8.1(2). *Chipperini v. Donald L. Williams*, #20-0493.

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By MARK DUBOIS

**Agreed disposition of reprimand** where likely that attorney's conduct violated Rule 7.1. *Garrick v. Stefany F. Buckley*, #21-0418, 6 pages.

**Attorney ordered** to take six hours of CLE, in addition to the annual CLE requirements, for failure to answer grievance complaint in violation of Rule 8.1(2) and P. B. § 2-32(a)(1). *Lemire v. Kelly A. Carden*, #20-0241, 6 pages.

**Agreed disposition of reprimand** for violation of Rule 5.5(a) when Respondent solicited legal work by mail from potential clients in Florida related to making claims for excess proceeds from foreclosure sales. *Williams v. Marc A. Krasnow*, #20-0099, 7 pages.

**Agreed disposition** that attorney will take three hours of CLE, in addition to the annual CLE requirements, where there was sufficient evidence to prove violations of Rule 1.3 and 5.3. Attorney agreed to make **restitution** of \$70.00. *Leffard v. Jose A. Palacio*, #21-0071, 10 pages.

**Agreed disposition** that attorney will take three hours of CLE, in addition to the annual CLE requirements, where attorney admits conduct which violated Rules 1.5(a)(1) and 8.4(4). Attorney agreed to make **restitution** of \$2,000. *Papadopoulos v. John D. Watts*, #20-0153, 9 pages.

**Agreed disposition of reprimand** where there was sufficient evidence to prove violations of Rules 1.1, 1.4(3), 1.4(4), 1.5, 3.3(a)(1), 8.4(3) and 8.4(4). *Francois v. Andre Cayo*, #19-0391, 7 pages.

**Presentment** for violation of Rules 8.4(3) and (4), 8.1(2), and P. B. § 2-32(a)(1) where Respondent interviewed child involved in a divorce at the home of her client's spouse, misrepresented herself, and denied to the spouse that she was an attorney. Attorney also failed to respond to the grievance complaint. *Rodriguez v. Alisha C. Mathers*, #21-0420, 5 pages.

**Agreed disposition** that attorney will take three hours of CLE, in addition to the annual CLE requirements, where there was sufficient evidence to prove violations of Rules 1.3 and 1.4(a)(3). *Santana v. Juliana M. Romano*, #21-0302, 9 pages.

**Agreed disposition** that attorney will take three hours of CLE, in addition to the annual CLE requirements, where there was sufficient evidence to prove violations of Rules 1.5(b) and 8.1(2).

Attorney agreed to make **restitution** of \$600. *Blakeman v. Alan A. Rimer*, #20-0448, 9 pages.

**Consolidation of Presentment** by agreement for violations of Rule 8.1(2) and P. B. § 2-32(a)(1). *Rothchild v. John J. Radshaw III*, #20-0171, 7 pages.

**Reprimand** for violations of Rules 1.4(a)(3), 1.5(a), 1.5(c), and 8.1(2) where Respondent, while representing Complainant as to a breast implant claim, charged costs for driving the Complainant to New York for doctor appointments, failed to explain in the fee agreement which costs she would be responsible for, failed to keep her informed about the status of her claim, and failed to produce records requested by Disciplinary Counsel. *Memoli v. Jeffrey Olgin*, #20-0169, 10 pages.

**Agreed disposition of reprimand** where there was sufficient evidence to prove violations of Rules 1.5(a) and 1.5(b). *Bromfield v. Andre Cayo*, #20-0184, 8 pages.

**Consolidation of Presentment** by agreement with other matters for findings of probable cause of violations of Rules 1.15(b), 8.1, and 8.1(2), and P. B. §§ 2-27, 2-28 and 2-32(a)(1). *Slack v. Lisa Roberts*, #21-0328, 6 pages.

**Consolidation of Presentment** by agreement with other matters for findings of probable cause of violations of Rules 1.15(b), 8.1, and 8.1(2), and P. B. §§ 2-27, 2-28, and 2-32(a)(1). *Slack v. Lisa Roberts*, #22-0023, 6 pages.

**Consolidation of Presentment** by agreement with other matters for findings of probable cause of violations of Rules 1.15(b), 8.1, and 8.1(2), and P. B. §§ 2-27, 2-28 and 2-32(a)(1). *Slack v. Lisa Roberts*, #21-0370, 6 pages.

**Reprimand** ordered for violation of Rule 1.16(d) for closing client's file without returning documents and for violation of Rule 1.15(b) and P. B. § 2-27(b) for failure to preserve clients' records for

the required period. *McInnis v. Judith E. Paquin*, #18-0664, 6 pages.

**Reprimand** for violations of Rule 4.4 and 8.4(4) where Respondent made disparaging, irrelevant, and embarrassing claims against Complainant in Probate Court filings. The Grievance Committee rejected claim by Respondent that her conduct was protected by the litigation privilege recognized in *Simms v. Seamon*, 308 Conn. 533 (2013), holding that the privilege does not immunize otherwise protected conduct from disciplinary charges. *White v. Maria C. Chiarelli*, #21-0285, 7 pages.

**Presentment** ordered for violations of Rules 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.15, 8.1(2), and 8.4(4) where Respondent did not pursue a CHRO complaint after filing it, missed a critical hearing, and failed to communicate with Complainant. *Kondash v. Leonard A. McDermott*, #20-0322, 4 pages.

**Agreed Disposition** that attorney will take three hours of CLE, in addition to the annual CLE requirements, where there was sufficient evidence to prove violations of Rules 1.3, 1.4(a)(2), 1.4(a)(3), 1.4(a)(4), 1.5(d), and 1.15(d). *Boland v. George P. Guertin*, #20-0447, 11 pages.

**Agreed Disposition** that attorney will take six hours of CLE, in addition to the annual CLE requirements, where Respondent admitted that, when acting as executor, he failed to submit an accounting or make any disbursements for a period of 3.5 years, which conduct violated Rules 1.15(e) and 8.4(4). *Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Assn. v. Frank B. Velardi, Jr.*, #20-0114, 10 pages.

**Agreed Disposition of reprimand** where there was sufficient evidence to prove violations of Rules 8.1(2) and 1.15(e) for failure to answer the grievance complaint and where Respondent failed to prove that disbursements were expenses paid on Complainant's behalf. Attorney agreed to make **restitution** of \$25,000. *Mandic v. Benjamin B. Hume*, #20-0281, 9 pages.



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### NUMBER 4

By JOHN Q. GALE

**Agreed Disposition of reprimand** where there was sufficient evidence to prove violation of Rule 5.5(a) where attorney admitted she held herself out to be a lawyer while her license was administratively suspended for failure to pay the Client Security Fund fees. *Sequeira v. Barbara J. Resnick*, #21-0299.

**Presentment** ordered for violation of Rules 1.1., 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, and 8.1(2) and P.B. § 2-32(a) (1) where attorney was retained in a discrimination matter but took no action to advance case, failed to respond to client's repeated attempts to communicate, and failed to respond to grievance. *Moran v. Leonard A. McDermott*, #21-0134.

**Agreed disposition** that attorney will take three hours of in-person legal ethics CLE within nine months, in addition to the annual CLE requirements, where there was sufficient evidence to prove a violation of Rule 1.7(a)(2). *Sequeira v. Barbara J. Resnick*, #21-0099.

**Reprimand** ordered for violation of Rules 4.4(a) and 8.4(4) where attorney in child protection matter, threatened to "knock you out of the box," "embarrass you on the record," and "burn you to the ground" in email to opposing counsel. *Cohan v. John J. Ghidini, III*, #20-0177.

**Reprimand** ordered for violation of Rules 1.5(a), 3.3(a)(1), 8.4(3), and 8.4(4) where attorney accepting appointment in regional children's probate court matters, where payment is \$50 per hour for time except first hour of court which billed at \$75, overbilled the state by double billing when he represented multiple children in single matter, and inflated other billable activities. Panel considered mitigating factors. *Middlesex J.D. Grievance Panel v. Frank B. Twohill*, #19-0378.

**Consolidation of Presentment** by agreement with other matters for probable cause findings of violations of Rules 1.15(b), 1.15(d), 1.15(e), 8.4(2), 8.4(3), and 8.4(4). *Spinella v. Anthony J. Spinella*, #21-0408. ■



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