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

**FROM:** **Rick Dove**

**DATE:** **June 2019**

**RE:** **Bimonthly Update**

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## **June Board Meeting**

The Board of Professional Conduct met on June 13 and approved [13 case reports](#). These reports were filed with the Supreme Court on June 14 and 17. The filings included 10 full panel reports, two reports recommending acceptance of consent-to-discipline agreements, and one report recommending reinstatement of a suspended attorney.

The Board has 44 pending cases, 27 of which have been opened this year. Twenty-eight of the pending cases have been heard or are scheduled for hearing. Thus far in 2019, the Board has opened 33 new cases, received five remands from the Supreme Court, and disposed of 35 cases.

## **Advisory Opinion**

The Board approved [Adv. Op. 2019-4](#) addressing the propriety of offering or including practice restrictions in settlement agreements.

## **Disciplinary Counsel Search**

The Board received 18 applications for the position of Disciplinary Counsel. The Search Committee will be conducting interviews this week and in July and will recommend a candidate for appointment to the full Board in August. The Board's appointment, to a four-year term commencing October 27, 2019, is subject to approval by the Supreme Court.

## **Probable Cause Deadlines**

The next two probable cause deadlines are June 21 and July 19. Please submit probable cause materials prior to those deadlines to ensure prompt review by the probable cause panels.

BPC Proc. Reg. 3(B), effective January 1, 2019, sets forth the requirements for the submission of probable cause materials to the Board. Please review that regulation prior to submitting new complaints and supporting probable cause materials with the Board.

## **2019 Miller-Becker Seminar—October 25**

Please mark your calendars for the annual Miller-Becker Seminar on Friday, October 25 in Columbus. The working theme of this year's seminar is "Ethics and Enforcement in the Digital Age," with lead presentations focusing on the use of technology and social media in the practice of law and a panel discussion of the ethical issues associated with technology and social media. The seminar also will feature an investigation "role-play" involving reluctant or uncooperative witness, with the opportunity for audience participation, and an update on disciplinary decisions and case trends. A more detailed agenda will be available in July, and online registration for the seminar will begin in the latter half of September.