

**BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, Petitioner	:	No. 150 DB 2021
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v.	:	File No. C4-21-77
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EDWARD WALTER WERTMAN	:	Attorney Registration No. 72427
Respondent	:	(Washington County)

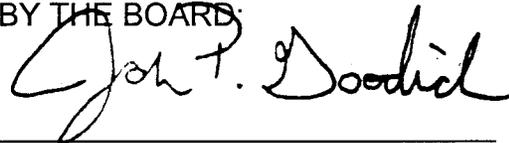
ORDER

AND NOW, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2021, in accordance with Rule 208(a)(5), Pa.R.D.E., the determination by a Review Panel of the Disciplinary Board of the above captioned matter is accepted; and it is

ORDERED that the said EDWARD WALTER WERTMAN of Washington County be subjected to a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** by the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as provided in Rule 204(a) and Rule 205(c)(8) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement.

Costs shall be paid by the Respondent.

BY THE BOARD:



Board Chair

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Attest:

  
Marcee D. Sloan, Board Prothonotary  
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**PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

Edward Walter Wertman, you appear before the Disciplinary Board for the imposition of a Public Reprimand ordered by the Board on December 2, 2021. It is an unpleasant task to publicly reprimand one who has been granted the privilege of membership in the bar of the Commonwealth. Yet as repugnant as this task may be, it has been determined necessary that you receive this public discipline.

Mr. Wertman, the record shows that on April 21, 2005, in Northampton County, you entered a plea of guilty to Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance, in violation of the now repealed 75 Pa.C.S. § 3731(a)(1), a misdemeanor of the second degree, and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, in violation of the now repealed 75 Pa.C.S. § 3731(A)(4)(i), a misdemeanor of the second degree. You were sentenced to intermediate punishment for 12 months, restrictive intermediate punishment for 7 days, 23 days of house arrest with electronic monitoring, and nominal probation for 11 months. You failed to report your conviction to Office of Disciplinary Counsel (“ODC”) as required under the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement.

On November 8, 2013, in Washington County, you entered a plea of guilty to Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance, second offense, in violation of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802(b), a misdemeanor. You were sentenced to serve not less than 60 days nor more than six months on electronic home monitoring and supervision, as well as a fine and costs. You were further directed to have a drug and alcohol evaluation and complete any recommended treatment programs, and attend and complete a program for repeat offenders. You failed to report your conviction to ODC as required under the rules.

On October 6, 2020, you entered a plea of guilty to simple trespass, to which you were sentenced to pay a fine and costs. The underlying facts of this conduct involved an altercation with an individual at that individual's residence.

By your conduct, you violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC") and Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement ("Pa.R.D.E."):

1. RPC 8.4(b) – It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects.
2. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(1) – Conviction of a crime shall be ground for discipline.
3. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3) – Wilful violation of any other provision of the Enforcement Rules is grounds for discipline.
4. Pa.R.D.E. 214(a) – An attorney convicted of a crime shall report the fact of such conviction within 20 days to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Mr. Wertman, your conduct in this matter is public. This Public Reprimand is a matter of public record and shall be posted on the Disciplinary Board's website at

[www.padisciplinaryboard.org](http://www.padisciplinaryboard.org)

It is the Board's duty to reprimand you for your misconduct. Any subsequent violations on your part can only result in further discipline and perhaps more severe sanctions. We sincerely hope that you will conduct yourself in such a manner that future disciplinary action will be unnecessary.



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Designated Member  
The Disciplinary Board of the  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Administered by a designated panel of three Members of The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on March 4, 2022.