

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	:	
Petitioner	:	File No. C3-19-772
	:	
v.	:	No. 48 DB 2021
	:	
MICHAEL B. HOWARD	:	Attorney Registration No. 309227
Respondent	:	(Cumberland County)

ORDER

AND NOW, this 27th day of April, 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 MICHAEL B. HOWARD of Cumberland County, be subjected to a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** by the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as provided in Rule 204(b) and Rule 205(c)(8) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall be placed on PROBATION for a period of two (2) years, subject to the following Conditions:

Conditions of Probation:

1. Respondent shall abstain from using alcohol, drugs, or any other mood- altering or mind-altering chemicals except for those medications prescribed by Respondent's treating physicians;
2. Respondent shall regularly attend meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous doing so on a weekly basis;
3. A sobriety monitor shall be appointed to monitor Respondent in accordance with Disciplinary Board Rule 89.293(c), unless Mr. Holston informs the Disciplinary

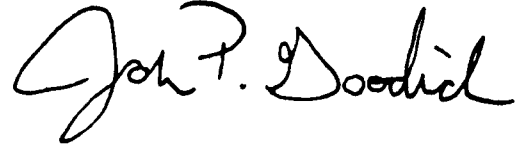
Board, in writing, that he is willing to undertake this role since he is Respondent's AA Sponsor;

4. Respondent shall furnish his sobriety monitor with the name and contact information for any licensed professional counselor and shall authorize the counselor to communicate with his sobriety monitor concerning treatment during probation;
5. Respondent shall undergo any counseling, out-patient or in-patient treatment, prescribed by a physician or alcohol counselor;
6. Respondent shall file quarterly written reports with the Board;
7. With the sobriety monitor, Respondent shall:
 - a) Meet at least twice a month;
 - b) Maintain weekly telephone contact;
 - c) Provide the necessary properly executed written authorizations to verify his compliance with any required substance abuse treatment; and
 - d) Cooperate fully.
8. The appointed sobriety monitor shall:
 - a) Monitor Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of the order imposing probation;
 - b) Assist Respondent in arranging any professional or substance abuse treatment deemed necessary;
 - c) Meet with Respondent at least twice a month, and maintain weekly telephone contact with Respondent;
 - d) Maintain direct monthly contact with Respondent's AA Sponsor;
 - e) File with the Board Prothonotary quarterly written reports which, at minimum, establish Respondent's continued compliance with these conditions; and
 - f) Immediately report to the Board Prothonotary any violations by the Respondent of the terms and conditions of probation.

Failure to abide with the terms of the Probation shall be grounds for further action pursuant to Enforcement Rule 208(h).

Costs shall be paid by the Respondent.

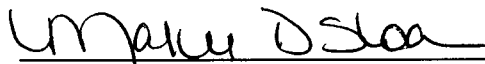
BY THE BOARD:



Board Chair

TRUE COPY FROM RECORD

Attest:



Marcee D. Sloan
Board Prothonotary
The Disciplinary Board of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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PUBLIC REPRIMAND

By Order dated April 27, 2021, the Board directed that Michael B. Howard receive a public reprimand with probation for a period of two years.

On April 7, 2019, Respondent was arrested in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania for Driving Under the Influence (“DUI”) and Endangering the Welfare of Children as a parent or guardian. This was Respondent’s third DUI. At the time of Respondent’s arrest, his two minor children were passengers in the vehicle. Three days later, on April 10, 2019, Respondent was arrested again in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania for DUI and related summary offenses.

On September 12, 2019, Respondent pled guilty to DUI, General Impairment, a third or subsequent offense in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 3802(a)(1) (Misdemeanor) and Endangering the Welfare of Children as a parent or guardian in violation of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4304(a)(1) (Misdemeanor). Respondent also pled guilty to DUI, General Impairment, with refusal, a third or subsequent offense in violation of 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 3802(a)(1) (Felony – 3). On the date of Respondent’s plea, he was admitted into Cumberland County Adult Treatment Court and directed to comply with the conditions of that program. Respondent successfully completed Treatment Court in December 2020.

By his conduct, Respondent violated the following Rule of Professional Conduct (“RPC”):

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 lawyer in other respects.

Respondent has a history of discipline consisting of an informal admonition imposed in 2017 for his two prior criminal convictions for DUI.

Respondent’s 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel P. Abdul", written in a cursive style.

Board Chair