

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 2728 Disciplinary Docket No. 3  
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Respondent : No. 87 DB 2020  
: :  
v. : :  
: :  
: Attorney Registration No. 203067  
: :  
JACQUELINE PATRICIA GRUHLER, :  
: (Delaware County)  
Petitioner :

**ORDER**

**PER CURIAM**

**AND NOW**, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, upon consideration of the Verified Statement of Resignation, Jacqueline Patricia Gruhler is disbarred on consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth. See Pa.R.D.E. 215. Respondent shall comply with the provisions of Pa.R.D.E. 217 and pay costs to the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 208(g).

A True Copy Nicole Traini  
As Of 12/30/2022

Attest:   
Chief Clerk  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF  
THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE MATTER OF : No. 2728 Disciplinary Docket  
: No. 3  
JACQUELINE PATRICIA GRUHLER :  
: No. 87 DB 2020  
: :  
: Attorney Registration No. 203067  
: :  
: (Delaware County)

RESIGNATION  
UNDER Pa.R.D.E. 215

Jacqueline Patricia Gruhler, hereby tenders her unconditional resignation from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in conformity with Pa.R.D.E. 215 ("Enforcement Rules") and further states as follows:

1. She is a formerly admitted attorney in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having been admitted to the bar on October 31, 2006. By Order dated June 18, 2020, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania granted a Joint Petition for Temporary Suspension and placed Respondent on temporary suspension. Her attorney registration number is 203067.
2. She desires to submit her resignation as a member of said bar.
3. Her resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered; she is not being subjected to coercion or duress and she is fully aware of the implications of submitting this resignation.
4. She acknowledges that she is fully aware of her right to consult and employ counsel to represent her in the instant proceeding. She has retained, consulted with and acted upon the advice of counsel in connection with her decision to execute the within resignation.
5. She is aware that there is presently pending disciplinary proceedings instituted against her pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 214 relating to her criminal conviction in the Court of Common Pleas of

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Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Delaware County and her criminal conviction in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Cape May County, New Jersey. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Criminal Conviction is attached hereto and marked Exhibit A.

6. She acknowledges that the material facts which form the basis for both the criminal matters are true. On February 10, 2021, Respondent appeared before Delaware County Court of Common Pleas Judge Mary Alice Brennan, at which time Respondent pled guilty in the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County and was sentenced to serve 6 to 23 months in Delaware County Prison, followed by 2 years' consecutive probation on each count running concurrent to each other. A true and correct copy of the Delaware County Certificate of Imposition of Sentence is attached hereto and marked Exhibit B.

7. On December 6, 2019, Respondent pled guilty in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Cape May County, to Manufacturing, Distributing or Dispensing Methamphetamine, in violation of N.J. Rev. Stat. §2C:35-5(B)(9)(B), classified as a crime of the third degree. Respondent was sentenced on August 24, 2021, in connection with her New Jersey guilty plea to probation for a period of 2 years to run concurrent with Respondent's Pennsylvania probation and was required to forfeit all money seized. Respondent's probationary supervision was transferred to Pennsylvania. A true and correct copy of the Judgment of Conviction of New Jersey, Cape May County is attached hereto and marked Exhibit C.

8. She acknowledges that the material facts which form the basis for her criminal convictions are true.

9. She submits the within resignation because she knows that she could not successfully defend herself against the charges of professional misconduct.

10. She is fully aware that the submission of this Resignation Statement is irrevocable

and that she can only apply for reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to the provisions of Enforcement Rule 218(b) and (c).

11. She is aware that pursuant to Enforcement Rule 215(c) the fact that she has tendered her resignation shall become a matter of public record immediately upon delivery of the resignation statement to Disciplinary Counsel or the Board Prothonotary.

12. Upon entry of the order disbaring her on consent, she will promptly comply with the notice, withdrawal, resignation, trust account, and cease-and-desist provisions of Enforcement Rule 217 (a), (b), (c) and (d).


13. After entry of the order disbaring her on consent, she will file a verified statement of compliance as required by Enforcement Rule 217(e) (1).

14. She is aware that the waiting period for eligibility to apply for reinstatement to the practice of law under Enforcement Rule 218(b) shall not begin until he files the verified statement of compliance required by Enforcement Rule 217(e)(1), and if the order of disbarment contains a provision that makes the disbarment retroactive to an earlier date, then the waiting period will be deemed to have begun on that earlier date.

It is understood that the statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S., Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Signed this 15 day of Dec-2022.

  
Jacqueline Patricia Gruhler

WITNESS:   
Sam Stretton, Esq.  
103 S. High St  
P.O. Box 3231  
West Chester, PA  
19381  
610-696-4243

John A. Vaskov, Esquire  
Deputy Prothonotary  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania  
Western District Office  
801 City-County Building  
414 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**September 3, 2021**  
**NOTICE OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION**

Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 214, attached hereto are  
certified copies of the convictions of:

**Jacqueline Patricia Gruhler, ID# 203067, Delaware County**

1. Offense [and grading of]:

• Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, PA

On February 10, 2021, Ms. Gruhler pled guilty in the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County in criminal docket No. CP-23-CR-0002264-2020 to (1) Contraband/Controlled Substance to Confined Persons, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §5123(a), classified as a felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree; and (2) Conspiracy – Contraband /Controlled Substance, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §903, classified as a felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

• Superior Court, Cape May County, New Jersey

On December 6, 2019, Ms. Gruhler pled guilty in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Cape May County, to Manufacturing, Distributing or Dispensing Methamphetamine, in violation of N.J. Rev. Stat. §2C:35-5(B)(9)(B), classified as a crime of the third degree, and was entered into New Jersey's pre-trial intervention program. Ms. Gruhler's pre-trial intervention was terminated on July 13, 2021.

2. Sentence Imposed:

- Delaware County, PA

On February 10, 2021, Ms. Gruhler was sentenced to serve 6 to 23 months in Delaware County Prison, followed by 2 years' consecutive probation on each count running concurrent to each other. By Order dated June 14, 2021, Judge Mary Alice Brennan granted Ms. Gruhler's Motion for Early Parole as of June 18, 2021.

- Superior Court, Cape May County, New Jersey

On August 24, 2021, Ms. Gruhler was sentenced to probation for a period of 2 years to run concurrent with Ms. Gruhler's Pennsylvania probation and to forfeit all money seized.

3. Prior Disciplinary History:

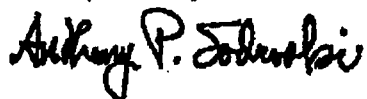
By Order dated June 18, 2020, this Honorable Court granted the parties' Joint Petition for Temporary Suspension and placed Ms. Gruhler on temporary suspension in In the Matter of JACQUELINE PATRICIA GRUHLER, No. 2728 Disciplinary Docket No. 3, No. 87 DB 2020, Board File No. C2-20-131.

4. Prior Convictions: None.

5. Additional Information: None.

6. Respondent's Counsel: Samuel C. Stretton, Esquire, 103 S. High Street, P.O. Box 3231 West Chester, PA 19381

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony P. Sodroski  
Disciplinary Counsel-in-Charge,  
Special Projects

9.03.21  
Date

Enclosures

**DELAWARE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CERTIFICATE OF IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE**

NGP  Open GF  Jury Trial  Non-Jury Trial  Nolo  Amended  Grievous II

COMMONWEALTH vs. Jacqueline P. Grubler  
 CASE DOCKET # 221470 OTN #: 0874654-4  
 DOB 12/18/79 SEX M/F RACE W SID \_\_\_\_\_ BAC \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFINEMENT**

Count	Charge	Grading	Minimum	Maximum	DCP	ACT	Fine
1	Contraband/Controlled Substance	F2	6 mos.	23 mos.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
2	Conspiracy - Contraband/Controlled Substance	F2	6 mos.	23 mos.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**WEEK-BOOT CAMP - STATE DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM**

IRK		Boot Camp		State Drug Treatment Program	
Court - Agree	Object	Court - Agree	Object	Court - Agree	Object
Court - Agree	Object	Court - Agree	Object	Court - Agree	Object

The aggregate period of confinement is a term of not less than 6 mos. and not more than 23 mos.

**EXERCISE PROHIBITION WITH RESTRICTIVE CONDITIONS**

Count	Charge	Grading	Term	County	State	Fine
1	Contraband/Controlled Substance	F2	2 years consecutive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
2	Conspiracy - Contraband/Controlled Substance	F2	2 years consecutive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

The aggregate term of probation is 2 years

**RESTITUTION**

Name	Address	Amount

**REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| Immediate Parole - this case only _____  | Complete & Follow recommendations _____   |
| Domestic Violence/Angry Management _____   | CRN/Robt Driving Classes _____            |
| DNA Testing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____  | Substance Abuse Evaluation _____          |
| Neonatal Home Monitoring _____   | Psychiatric Evaluation _____              |
| Cost Assessment _____  | Psychological Evaluation _____            |
| No Contact of Victim _____   | Psychosocial Evaluation _____             |
| Community Service Hours _____  | Megan's Law Registration - Tier _____     |
| Serve _____ 48-hour parole starting _____ at _____ AM/PM _____   | Credit for any completed conditions _____ |
| Comply with rules and regulations governing Probation and/or Parole <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____  |   |
| General Rules <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOJ <input type="checkbox"/> EHP <input type="checkbox"/> Sex Offender <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Unit |   |

Other: \$113 Lab Fee, joint financial affidavit, Michael Johnson

The Defendant shall receive such credit for time served as he/she is entitled by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Costs of prosecution are imposed on the Defendant ( ) Delaware County  
 ALL OUTSTANDING DEFENSE and/or COMMONWEALTH MOTIONS ARE WITHDRAWN

DEFENSES REMAINING CHARGES PURSUANT TO PLEA AGREEMENT:

ARRIVAL HEREIN GIVEN

Date: 2/10/21  
 ADA: J. Gleckler

Sentencing Judge: [Signature]  
 Defense Atty: A. S. S.

CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY FROM THE RECORD  
 THIS 22 DAY OF JANUARY, 2021  
 MARY J. WALK, RECORDING CLERK  
 OFFICE OF JUDICIAL SUPPORT  
[Signature]



### Judgment of Conviction

### Superior Court of New Jersey, CAPE MAY County

State of New Jersey v.

Last Name  
GROBLEZ

First Name  
JACQUELINE

Middle Name  
P

Also Known As

Date of Birth  
12/18/1979

SBI Number  
145346E

Date(s) of Offense  
06/25/2019

Date of Arrest

PROMIS Number  
19 000630-002

Date Ind / Acc / Compt Filed  
09/26/2019

Original Plea

Not Guilty  Guilty

Date of Original Plea  
09/26/2019

Adjudication By

Guilty Plea

Jury Trial Verdict

Non-Jury Trial Verdict

Dismissed / Acquitted

Date: 12/06/2019

Sealed (N.J.S.A. 2C:62-5.2)

#### Original Charges

Ind / Acc / Compt	Count	Description	Statute	Degree
19-09-00507-A	1	MANUF/DISTR CDS OR INTENT TO MANUF/DISTR CDS	2C:35-5A(1)	2
9-2019-000371-0514	1	CDS - MANU/DIST/PWID - HEROIN/COCAINE - < .50Z	2C:35-5B(3)	3
9-2019-000371-0514	2	POSS CDS/ANALOG - SCHED I II III IV	2C:35-10A(1)	3
9-2019-000371-0514	3	POSS/DIST WITHIN 500 FT CERTAIN PUBLIC PROPERTY	2C:35-7.1A	2
9-2019-000371-0514	4	UNLAWFUL POSS WEAPON-HANDGUNS WITHOUT PERMIT	2C:39-5B(1)	2
9-2019-000371-0514	5	PROHIBITED WEAPONS AND DEVICES - DEFACTO FIREARMS	2C:39-1D	4
9-2019-000371-0514	6	POSSESSION OF FIREARM WHILE COMMITTING CDS/BIAS CRIME	2C:39-4.1A	2

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#### Final Charges

Ind / Acc / Compt	Count	Description	Statute	Degree
19-09-00507-A	AMENDED 1	CDS - MANU/DIST/PWID - METE - < .50Z	2C:35-5B(9) (B)	3

#### Sentencing Statement

It is, therefore, on 08/24/2021, ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the defendant is sentenced as follows:  
Count 1 (amended): DEFENDANT IS sentenced to probation for a period of 2 years to run concurrent with  
Defendant's Pennsylvania probation. Forfeit all monies seized.

R. 3:9-3(d).

Probation can be transferred to Pennsylvania.

All remaining counts and charges are dismissed.

It is further ORDERED that the sheriff deliver the defendant to the appropriate correctional authority.

Total Custodial Term 000 Years 00 Months 000 Days	Institution Name	Total Probation Term 02 Years 00 Months
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**DEDR (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-15 and 2C:35-5.11)**

A mandatory Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction (DEDR) penalty is imposed for each count. (Write in number of counts for each degree.)

DEDR penalty reduction granted (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-15a(2))

	Standard	Disabled
1st Degree	@ \$	@ \$
2nd Degree	@ \$	@ \$
3rd Degree	1 @ \$ 1,000.00	@ \$
4th Degree	@ \$	@ \$
DP or Potty DP	@ \$	@ \$

Total DEDR Penalty \$1,000.00

The court further ORDERS that collection of the DEDR penalty be suspended upon defendant's entry into a residential drug program for the term of the program. (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-15e)

Forensic Laboratory Fee (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-20)

1 Offenses @ \$ 50.00

Total Lab Fee \$ 50.00

**VCCO Assessment (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.1)**

Counts	Number	Amount
1	1 @	\$ 50.00
	@	\$
	@	\$
	@	\$

Total VCCO Assessment \$ 50.00

**Vehicle Theft / Unlawful Taking Penalty (N.J.S.A. 2C:20-2.1)**

Offense	Mandatory Penalty
	\$

**Offense Based Penalties**

Penalty	Amount
	\$

**Other Fees and Penalties**

Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund Penalty (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.3)	Safe Neighborhoods Services Fund Assessment (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.2)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Offenses @ \$75.00
	Total \$ 75.00
Probation Supervision Fee (N.J.S.A. 2C:45-1d)	Statewide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Penalty (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.6)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Offenses @ \$
Transaction Fee (N.J.S.A. 2C:46-1.1)	Total \$
<input type="checkbox"/>	
Domestic Violence Offender Surcharge (N.J.S.A. 2C:25-29.4)	Certain Sexual Offenders Surcharge (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.7)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$	<input type="checkbox"/> \$
Fine	Sex Crime Victim Treatment Fund Penalty (N.J.S.A. 2C:14-10)
\$	<input type="checkbox"/> \$
Restitution Joint & Several	Total Financial Obligation
\$	\$ 1,205.00

Entry of Civil Judgment for court-ordered financial assessment (N.J.S.A. 2C:62-6.2)

**Details**

All monies payable through probation. Fines payable at a rate of \$50.00 per month beginning on 10/1/21. Credit for monies paid through PTL.

**Additional Conditions**

The defendant is hereby ordered to provide a DNA sample and ordered to pay the costs for testing of the sample provided (N.J.S.A. 53:1-20.2D and N.J.S.A. 53:1-20.2B).

The defendant is hereby sentenced to community supervision for life (CSL) if offense occurred before 1/14/04 (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-6.4).

The defendant is hereby sentenced to parole supervision for life (PSL) if offense occurred on or after 1/14/04 (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-6.4).

The defendant is hereby ordered to serve a \_\_\_\_\_ year term of parole supervision, pursuant to the No Early Release Act (NERA), which term shall begin as soon as the defendant completes the sentence of incarceration (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-7.2).

The court imposes a Drug Offender Restraining Order (DORO) (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5.7h). DORO expires \_\_\_\_\_

The court continues/imposes a Sex Offender Restraining Order (SORO) if the offense occurred on or after 8/7/07 (Nicole's Law N.J.S.A. 2C:14-12 or N.J.S.A. 2C:44-8).

The court imposes a Stalking Restraining Order (N.J.S.A. 2C:12-10.1).

The defendant is prohibited from purchasing, owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm and from receiving or retaining a firearms purchaser identification card or permit to purchase a handgun (N.J.S.A. 2C:25-27(1)).

**Findings Per N.J.S.A. 2C:47-3**

The court finds that the defendant's conduct was characterized by a pattern of repetitive and compulsive behavior.

The court finds that the defendant is amenable to sex offender treatment.

The court finds that the defendant is willing to participate in sex offender treatment.

**License Suspension**

ODS / Paraphernalia (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-16)  Waived

Auto Theft / Unlawful Taking (N.J.S.A. 2C:20-2.1)

Eluding (N.J.S.A. 2C:29-2)

Other

Number of Months  Non-resident driving privileges revoked

Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date \_\_\_\_\_

Details \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_ Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

If the court is unable to collect the license, complete the following:  
Defendant's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex  M  F Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_

Time Credits		
<b>Time Spent in Custody</b> R. 321-8	<b>Gap Time Spent in Custody</b> N.J.S.A. 2C:44-5b(2)	<b>Prior Service Credit</b>
Date: From - To	Date: From - To	Date: From - To
06/25/2019 - 06/25/2019	- -	- -
- -	- -	- -
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- -	- -	- -
- -	- -	- -
<b>Total Number of Days</b> 1	<b>Total Number of Days</b>	<b>Total Number of Days</b>

**Statement of Reasons - Include all applicable aggravating and mitigating factors**

AGGRAVATING FACTORS

- 3. The risk that the defendant will commit another offense.
- 9. The need for deterring the defendant and others from violating the law.

MITIGATING FACTORS

- 7. The defendant has no history of prior delinquency or criminal activity or has led a law-abiding life for a substantial period of time before the commission of the present offense.
- 10. The defendant is particularly likely to respond affirmatively to probationary treatment.

Before the Court for sentencing is Jacqueline Gruhler. Defendant Gruhler pleaded guilty to third-degree possession of a controlled dangerous substance, namely, methamphetamine in exchange for probation. The Court sentenced Defendant to 2 years probation. Defendant is 41 years of age. Defendant is employed in a law office. Defendant is a college graduate and received her law degree from Temple University. Defendant has a criminal history of 1 arrest, including Pennsylvania conviction. Based upon the total facts and circumstances, included in the PSI and presented at the sentencing proceeding, the Court finds that aggravating factors 3 and 9 and mitigating factors 7 and 10 apply. Balancing the factors qualitatively, as opposed to just quantitatively, the aggravating factors are in equipoise with the mitigating factors. The plea agreement is in the interests of justice. The Court will impose the recommended sentence.

Attorney for Defendant at Sentencing JOHN W TOMELTY	Public Defender <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Prosecutor at Sentencing SAVERIO M CARROCCIA	Deputy Attorney General <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Judge at Sentencing Joseph Levin, J.S.C	
Judge (Signature) /s Joseph Levin, J.S.C	Date 08/25/2021

Continuation

ORIGINAL CHARGES (Cont.)

Ind / Acc / Compl	Count	Description	Statute	Degree
S-2019-000375-0514	8	POSS CDS/ANALOG - SCHED I II III IV	2C:35-10A(1)	3
S-2019-000375-0514	9	PRESC/LEGEND DRUGS-POSS WITHOUT A SCRIPT -> 5 DOSES	2C:35-10.5E(2)	4

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Ciampoli, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Name

Harold E. Ciampoli, Jr.

Attorney No. (if applicable): 51159