

**2024 DHC Annual Report**  
As of 10/15/24

<b>Type of Case</b>	<b>Oct. 2020-2021</b>	<b>Oct. 2021-2022</b>	<b>Oct. 2022-2023</b>	<b>Oct. 2023-2024</b>
Disbarments	9	5	5	3
Suspensions & Stayed Suspensions	16	15	16	15
Censures	1	1	0	0
Dismissals	1*	0	3*	1
Other discipline (reprimands, admonitions, etc.)	0	2	1	2
Reinstatement Cases (includes contested reinstatements from suspension & disability)	6	6	4	10
Disability Cases	1	1	3	0
Stayed pending Reinstatement from Disability	0	0	3	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>
Show Causes (Show Cause number included in the suspension number)	1	1	0	0
Disbarments/Council or Courts 2		4	10	6

\*Two were dismissed when defendant died

## Discipline & Disability Cases

Case No.	Case Name	Order
21DHC6	Frank J. Chut, Jr.	Voluntary Dismissal w/prejudice
21DHC17	Penny K. Bell	Suspended 3 yrs, poss 2 yr stay (5 days)
22 DHC14	Thomas C. Goolsby	Admonition (Consent)
22DHC21	Martin Musinguzi	Disbarred (Default) On Appeal
22 DHC25	Mark T. Cummings	Suspended, 5 yrs, poss 2 yr stay (6 days) <b>Stayed While On Appeal</b>
23DHC5	Neil W. Scarborough	Suspended 2 yrs, stayed 3 yrs. (Consent)
23DHC10	Travis H. Simpson	Disbarred (1 day)
23DHC12	Earl H. Strickland	Suspended, 4 yrs, poss stay (Consent)
23DHC14	Meredith P. Ezzell	Suspended 4 yrs (Consent)
23DHC16	Derek Ross Fletcher	Suspended 5yrs, poss 4 yr stay (Consent)
24DHC1	Richard E. Batts	Suspended, 1 yr, stayed 1 yr. (1 day) <b>Stayed while On Appeal</b>
24DHC2	Randall Charles Place	Suspended 30 days (Consent)
24DHC3	Christopher L. Peebles	Suspended 2 yrs, stayed 3 yrs. (Consent)
24DHC4N	Duane S. Miller	Suspended (Noncompliance)

24DHC6	Laura Elizabeth Nidosik	Reprimand (Consent)
24DHC8N	Ryan Patrick Ames	Suspended (Noncompliance)
24DHC9	Jonathan Holloman Metcalf	Disbarred (Consent)
24DHC10	Antwoine L. O. Edwards	Suspended, 4 yrs, poss 42 month stay (Consent)
24DHC12N	Erin Justine Phillips	Suspended (Noncompliance)
24DHC14N	Andrew K. Chafin	Suspended (Noncompliance)
24DHC17N	Steven B. Wright	Suspended (Noncompliance)

REINSTATEMENT CASES

<u>Case</u>	<u>Caption</u>	<u>Order</u>
15DHC27R & 18DHC26R	Jeffrey D. Smith	Pending
17DHC13RD	Peter K. Gemborys	Reinstated (Consent)
18DHC34R	Kenneth B. Holmes	Suspension stayed (Consent)
19DHC10SC-R	Brooke McKinley Webster	Reinstated (Consent)
20BCR1	Theodore G. Hale	Voluntary Dismissal
21DHC5R	Lonnie P. Merritt	Stay Denied (Decided on pleadings)
21DHC21R	Lloyd T. Kelso	Reinstated (Consent)
21DHC24R	Kelly R. Routh	Suspension Stayed (Consent)
24BCR1	Charles K. Blackmon	Petition Withdrawn
24BCR2	Douglas T. Simons	Reinstatement Denied (1 day)
24DHC 3	Fletcher Hartsell	Reinstatement Recommended (1 day)

## SHOW CAUSE CASES

<u>Case</u>	<u>Caption</u>	<u>Order</u>
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There were no show cause matters in this timeframe.

## ADDITIONAL MATTERS

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
# of Consent orders	24	21	19	17	15
Default orders	0	4	1	3	1
Hearings 2 days or more	1	6	1	5	2

### Notes Of Interest:

1. Five cases were heard under Rule .0135 – suspension for grievance non-compliance.
2. There are currently two cases scheduled for 3 days.
3. There is one case scheduled for 2 days.
4. There are two cases that need to be rescheduled – one the attorney requested a continuance due to health issues; one the attorney is incarcerated.
5. There are three case that were stayed when the defendant was placed on disability inactive status.
6. There are three cases that are stayed for further investigation.
7. There are five cases that need to be scheduled – two need to be schedule in early 2025; three the defendant has not yet filed a response.
8. Three cases are on appeal to the Court of Appeals – two the discipline is stayed.
9. The Court Of Appeals remanded once case back to the DHC.