

Role of the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board

In addition to their administrative and oversight responsibilities, the nine appointed members of the Attorney Discipline Board serve as the intermediate appellate level of Michigan's discipline system. The respondent, the Grievance Administrator or the complainant may petition the Attorney Discipline Board for review of an order entered by a hearing panel. The Board's review in such cases is based upon the record presented to the hearing panel and the written and oral arguments presented by the parties at a public hearing before the Board. Following its review, the Board may enter an order affirming, reversing or modifying the panel's order. A party or the complainant may seek further review by the Michigan Supreme Court by filing an application for leave to appeal. The Board regularly considers and disposes of various motions seeking stays of discipline, extensions of time to pay costs, consolidation or severance of pending matters and the institution of show cause proceedings for alleged violations of discipline orders.