

ATTORNEY REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION of the supreme court of Illinois

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To the Honorable, the Chief Justice and Justices of the Supreme Court of Illinois:

The annual report of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission for 1981 is submitted to the Court, to the members of the Bar of Illinois, and to the public.

The report is a statement of the activities of the Commission and an accounting and audit of the monies received and expended during the year. It is submitted in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 751.

Respectfully,

James H. Bandy, Chairman Lester Asher George J. Cotsirilos Edward G. Finnegan Alfred E. Woodward

REGISTRATION

On December 31, 1981 the Master Roll of Attorneys contained the names of 39,280 attorneys in the following categories:

	Number of Attorneys
Admitted between January 1, 1980 and December 31, 1981	2,833
Admitted between January 1, 1976 and December 31, 1979	8,619
Admitted before January 1, 1976	22,833
On active military duty	143
Born before January 1, 1906	1,429
Admitted more than one year but neither practicing, residing nor employed in Illinois	3,270
1981 registration fee excused for hardship	51
Removed from Master Roll	102

The distribution of those attorneys who reside, practice or are employed in Illinois in the state's twenty-one judicial circuits and five judicial districts is contained in Appendix A of this report.

Appendix B of this report is the 1981 in-state registered attorney population by county of principal office.

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Income	ın	1981	was	derived	trom	three	sources:	

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ome in 1981 was	derived from	n three	sources	:	
	ation fees in				\$887,571.00
Interest inc	ome				91,628.42
Other income					1,210.69
			Tot	al	\$980,410.11
rating expenses	for 1981 we:	re as fo	ollows:		
Salaries of	administrato	and st	aff .		\$577,309.72
Social secur	ity taxes .				41,331.94
Employees re	tirement tru	st			20,872.25
	dical, life, and unemplo				
sation insur		,	· · · ·		37,596.64
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Sacton inputance	377330101
Office rentals and utilities	81,606.37
Travel (commission, staff, inquiry, hearing and review boards)	36,124.52
Telephone	26,766.28
Postage	29,218.43
Office equipment rental	15,064.34
Library, office supplies and related expenses	48,084.05
Insurance (fire, theft and extended coverage)	7,055.19
Auditing, bookkeeping, payroll and related professional services	31,129.08
Court reporting for disciplinary proceedings	32,511.19
Witness fees and related expenses	5,443.82

33,506.27

25,839.83

237.00

418.00

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\$1,053,753.24

Depreciation expense (office equipment). .

Data processing software and maintenance .

1981 Disciplinary Seminar expense Expenses of Supreme Court Committee on Code of Professional Responsibility . . .

Total

Excess of cost of reinstatement

over revenue

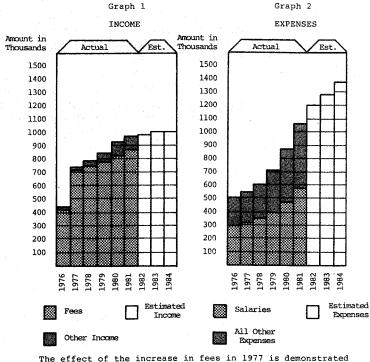
In May 1976 the Commission met with the Court to seek an increase in the registration fees for 1977. The Court agreed and increased the fees from \$10 to \$15 for attorneys admitted more than one year but less than five, from \$20 to \$30 for attorneys admitted more than five years, and set a fee of \$15 for attorneys who neither reside, nor practice, nor are employed in Illinois. The Commissioners assured the Court that they would not seek another increase for the next two or three years. That was the only fee increase in the Commissioners. years. That was the only fee increase in the Commission's nine year history.

Several factors combined with the 1977 fee increase to produce income adequate to support the disciplinary system through 1982. They included a dramatic increase in lawyer population, rising interest rates, and a sound operating fund.

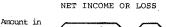
Funds budgeted for the current year but temporarily unused as well as funds unused from one year to the next (the operating fund) were invested at maximum interest to produce an impressive amount of additional income:

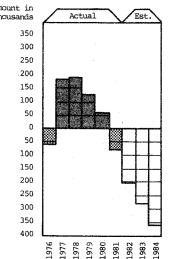
		Interest
Year		Earned
1977		\$22,348.71
1978		39,337.60
1979		59,788.39
1980		96,327.85
1981		91,628.42
	Total	\$309,430,97

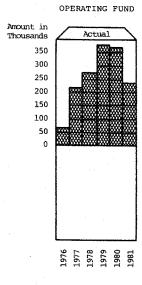
Graphs 1 and 2 show the actual income and expenses for the years 1976 through 1981 and the estimated income and expenses for the years 1982 through 1984:



in Graphs 3 and 4. The net loss and near depletion of the operating fund in 1976 was transformed to a net income (or gain) and a rebuilding of the operating fund from \$70,000 in 1976 to a high of \$385,000 in 1979. The decrease in the operating fund in 1981 is apparent:







Graph 4



₩ Net Loss

Estimated Loss

As predicted in the 1980 annual report to the Court, the disciplinary fund experienced a net loss (\$73,343.13) in 1981 and a decrease in the operating fund. The Commission's expenses will exceed income again in 1982 (as they did in 1981) and the operating fund will be expended. Income in 1983 will be insufficient to enable the Commission to operate through 1983.

The budget for 1982 anticipates a total expenditure of \$1,213,790. A copy is attached as Appendix C. It anticipates no growth or extraordinary expenditures. As presently constituted, it does not meet the current needs of the system.

The Commission is aware of the grave responsibility it has in the expenditure of the disciplinary fund. It has authorized the expenditure of funds only on a clear showing of need. As compared to other states (all of whom are conservative in their expenditures) Illinois would appear to be a leader among conservatives.

Comparison of disciplinary systems can be misleading. No two systems are alike in their structure, duties, functions, or their utilization of volunteer prosecutors, public facilities or bar association facilities. Some comparisons can be made among disciplinary agencies that are required to file annual reports because caseload and financial statistics, in varying degrees, are available. However, practices and traditions vary widely and exact comparisons are difficult. Some statistical comparisons for 1981 between Illinois and other registration states are set out in Appendix D.

Statistics alone do not reveal all of the changes that have occurred in the disciplinary process in the past several years: hearings are longer and more complicated; new bases for discipline are being developed through case law and the adoption of the Code of Professional Responsibility; the public is more consumer oriented, more demanding and more litigious; and the disciplinary system is developing a greater sensitivity to mental, emotional, alcohol and drug related impairments.

In short, for a variety of reasons lawyer discipline in Illinois is growing and becoming more costly. The disciplinary fund is inadequate to support the system beyond the end of 1982. Accordingly, the Commission will petition the Court during 1982 to increase the registration fees for 1983.

THE CASELOAD

The caseloads of the Administrator, the Inquiry, Hearing and Review Boards, and the disciplinary cases in the Supreme Court in 1981, were as follows:

The administrator received 2,834 communications from the public during 1981 which resulted in the docketing of 1,924 charges against attorneys. During the year 1,706 charges were dismissed and 130 complaints were voted by the Inquiry Board. Chart 1 details that activity.

CHART 1

		New Ch Docke			ch	arges Termina	ted		
	Pending 1/1/81	from Indi- viduals	from Adminis- trator	Added During 1981	Dismissed by Inquiry Chairman and Admin- istrator	Dismissed by Inquiry Panel	Complaint Voted by Inquiry Panel	Termi- nated During 1981	Pending 12/31/81
Chicago	994	1548	- 110	1658	986	504	117	1607	1045
Springfield	312	254	12	266	112	104	13	229	349
Total	1306	. 1802	122	1924	1098	608	130	1836	1394

During 1981 forty-nine complaints and petitions were filed with the Hearing Board and fifty-four were terminated. The types of petitions and method of disposition are detailed in Chart 2.

CHART 2

	Pending 1/1/81	Disciplinary Complaints Rule 753	Petitions for Temporary Suspension Rules 757 & 758	Petitions for Reinstatement Rules 759 & 767	Added During 1981	
Chicago	39	40	0	5	45	
Springfield	3	3	0 .	1	4	
Total	42	43	0	· 6	49	

			Matters Te	rminated		-		
Report and Recommendation								
Discipli- nary Cases Rule 753	Petitions for Temporary Suspension Rules 757 & 758	Petitions for Reinstate- ment Rules 759 & 767	Petitions for Reinstatement Withdrawn Rules 759 & 767	Dismissed	Reprimand by Hearing Board	Name Stricken on own Motion Prior to or During Hearing	Termi- nated During 1981	Pending 12/31/81
23	0	5	0	14	. 8	0	50	34
1	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	3
24	0	5 .	0	16	9	0	54	37

Thirty-eight matters were docketed with the Review Board in 1981 and forty-seven were terminated. The method of disposition and the discipline recommended are detailed in Chart 3.

		\ .		Termina	ted			
	Pending 1/1/81	New Matters Docketed	with Rec mendati to th Supreme (ions ne	without Recom- mendations to the Supreme Court	Termi- nated During 1981	Pending 12/31/81	
	15	38	39		8	47	6	`
	<u> </u>	pension		Peti Rein	tions for statement 759 & 767			•
Disbarment	for Fixed Period	Until Further Order of the Court	Censure	Allowed	Not Allowed	Repri- mand by Review Board	Dis- missed by Review Board	Re- manded to Hearing Board
7	12	- 8	3	9	0	4	4	0

Chart 4 details the disciplinary and certain non-disciplinary matters filed with and terminated by the Supreme Court during 1981.

CHART 4

ed with and the Supreme					Pet	itions					Reports	
981.	Disci- plinar Cases Rule 75	Tem Sus	porary pension e 761	Rul	ve Status es 757, & 770	on Co	rment nsent 762		statemen 759 & 7		Rule 754 and Miscel- laneous	TOTAL
Pending 1/1/81	20		7		2		0		9		9	47
Filed during 1981	36		5		23		6		10		24	104
Terminated during 1981	12	Allowed 2	Not Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed	With- drawn	20	72
Pending 12/31/81	44	1	0		4		0	, , ,	8		13	79
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Chart 5 presents, in summary fashion, a comparison of certain key factors which indicate the growth and workload of the disciplinary system for the past six years.

CHART 5

Dismiss

1

Discipline Ordered

Censure

3

Suspend

Disbar

			INVESTIGA	TIVE FILES	S CLOSED:	MATTERS FILED	MATTERS FILED	ILED MATTERS FILED		STAFE	SIZE
PERIOD	NUMBER OF REGIS. ATTY.	INVESTIGATIVE FILES OPENED	ADMINIS- TRATIVELY	INQUIRY BOARD	COMPLAINT VOTED	WITH HEARING BOARD	WITH REVIEW BOARD	WI' SUPREM	WITH SUPPEME COURT		INVESTGRS.
								Rules 753 & 762	All Other	,	
1976	29,750	1750	884	709	82	55	36	30	32	5	3
1977	31,936	1650	836	484	73	42	29	28	57	5	3
1978	33,090	1649	783	890	100	35	30	32	45	435	3
1979	35,509	1765	943	609	62	34	22	22	33	6	4
1980	37,100	2098	1095	660	130	62	29	27	31	6	4
1981	39,280	1924	1098	608	130	49	. 38	42	62	7	5
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For the second year, a study was made of charges received from the public by the Administrator. A total of 1,913 charges were analyzed. Each of the charges was classified as to the type of matter or case and as to the type of attorney misconduct charged.

Code	Type of Matter	Number
A	Personal Injury/Property Damage	525
В	Tax	7
С	Equitable Relief	13
D	Domestic Relations	344
Е	Mental Health	2
F	Adoption	14
G	Local Government Problems	6
н	Probate	116
J	Criminal and Quasi-Criminal	180
L	Small Claims	7
М	Real Estate/Landlord-Tenant	143
N	Immigration	20
P	Bankruptcy	48
Q	Labor	30
R	Contract	115
s	Patent and Trademark	9
Т	Civil Rights/Federal Remedies	14
х	No Case	20
Z	Other	300

The 1,913 charges classified by type of misconduct charged were as follows:

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Code	Type of Misconduct Charged	Number
1	Excessive Fees	41
2	Wilful Failure to Cooperate With ARDC	1
3	Incompetence	36
4	Improper Advertising	4
5	Solicitation	15
6	Criminal Conviction	1
7	Mishandling Client Funds (Embezzlement/ Conversion/Withholding/Commingling)	213
8	Lack of Communication	495
. 9	Conflict of Interest	74
10	Neglect	288
11	Relationship With Client (Disclosing of Confidential Information/Improper With- drawal/Abandonment/Failure to Protect Interest of Client)	320
12	Misrepresentation/Fraud	83
13	Personal Behavior	32
14	Mental Incapacity	2
15	Misconduct/Government Attorney (Regulatory)	9
16	Relationship With Court	14
17	Relationship With Other Attorneys	14
99	Other	271
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Code	Type of Matter and	Type of Misconduct Charged	Number
A-8	Personal Injury/Property Damage	Lack of Communication	197
D-8	Domestic Relations	Lack of Communication	100
A-7	Personal Injury/Property Damage	Mishandling Client Funds	92
A-11	Personal Injury/Property Damage	Relationship With Client	89
D-11	Domestic Relations	Relationship With Client	83
A-10	Personal Injury/Property Damage	Neglect	81
D-10	Domestic Relations	Neglect	64
н-8	Probate	Lack of Communication	47
J-8	Criminal and Quasi-Criminal	Lack of Communication	. 39
J-11	Criminal and Quasi-Criminal	Relationship With Client	36
M-7	Real Estate/Landlord-Tenant	Mishandling Client Funds	33
J-10	Criminal and Quasi-Criminal	Neglect	. 31
M-8	Real Estate/Landlord-Tenant	Lack of Communication	27
R-11	Contract	Relationship With Client	25

STAFF

The duties of staff counsel include working with the inquiry panels in the investigation of charges against lawyers and trying and reviewing all matters before the Hearing Board, the Review Board and the Supreme Court. In addition, staff counsel represent the administrator and Commission in litigation in various courts and administrative agencies. Appendix E of this report lists the other matters for which staff attorneys were responsibile in 1981.

Peyton H. Kunce of Murphysboro joined the staff in 1981 as Special Counsel. His service as county, circuit and appellate judge spanned 27 years. He retired from the Appellate Court, Fifth District in 1979 and resumed the practice of law. In 1981 he was persuaded to become Special Counsel. He will serve southern Illinois through the Springfield office.

As of December 31, 1981 the full time staff of the administrator's office consisted of the administator, and (a) in the Springfield office: an attorney, a special counsel, and an administrative assistant; (b) in the Chicago office: an assistant administrator and chief investigator, a chief counsel, a senior attorney, four attorneys, one lawyer assistant. one senior investigator, three investigators, a records manager, a clerk, a computer system operator, an administative assistant, three secretaries, two receptionist-typists, and a staff assistant.

RULE CHANGES

The Court adopted two amendments to the Code of Professional Responsibility effective August 1, 1981.

Rule 2-103(b)(2)(A) was amended to correct a printing error which omitted "c" from the phrase, "... in violation of Rule 2-103(c) ..."

Rule 2-106(c)(4) was amended to prohibit contingent fee arrangements in dissoluation of marriage matters as set out in *In re Fisher* (1958), 15 Ill.2d 139, 153 N.E.2d 832

The Commission amended several of its rules in 1981. Procedurally, Rules 9.3 and 10.4 (Hearing oard and Review Board reprimands) proved to be awkward. As a practical matter, negotiations between the Board, the respondent, and the administrator were necessary in order to achieve agreement for a reprimand. The rules were amended on April 18, 1981 to enable either board to order a reprimand and either party to object by filing exceptions.

Rule 10.2 was amended on January 24, 1982 to require that all review board briefs be on 8½ x 11 inch paper in compliance with new Supreme Court Rule 10.

APPENDIX A

1979 1980 1981 First District Cook County 21,239 22,310 Second District 15th Circuit 160 169 168 16th Circuit 17th Circuit 624 412 1,265 592 18th Circuit 19th Circuit 1,184 1.383 Total 3,244 3,440 Third District 9th Circuit 10th Circuit 12th Circuit 13th Circuit 14th Circuit 199 204 566 441 241 581 462 253 267 Fourth District 5th Circuit 255 599 727 169 258 6th Circuit 7th Circuit 8th Circuit 619 765 178 649 789 183 llth Circuit 2,099 Fifth District 1st Circuit 242 241 304 2nd Circuit 3rd Circuit 4th Circuit 250 326 223 348 220 20th Circuit

APPENDIX B

REGISTERED ATTORNEYS

County of			County of	
Principal			Principal	
Office	1981		Office	1001
OTTICE	1301		OTTICE	1981
Adams	93		* * . * * .	
			Livingston	49
Alexander	16		Logan	25
Bond	14		Macon	209
Boone	23		Macoupin	37
Brown	10		Madison	334
Bureau	54		Marion	43
Calhoun	5			
			Marshall	12
Carroll	13		Mason	17
Cass	16		Massac	15
Champaign	360		Mc Donough	42
Christian	39		Mc Henry	198
Clark	18		Mc Lean	260
Clay	16		Menard	14
Clinton	21			
			Mercer	14
Coles	74		Monroe	19
Cook	23,542		Montgomery	35
Crawford	22		Morgan	45
Cumberland	6		Moultrie	18
De Kalb	90		Ogle	37
De Witt	20		Peoria	493
Douglas	20		Perry	16
Du Page	1,383			
			Piatt	22
Edgar	. 31		Pike	13
Edwards	4		Pope	4
Effingham	33		Pulaski	9
Fayette -	15		Putnam	7
Ford	24	•	Randolph	26
Franklin	41		Richland	24
Fulton	48		Rock Island	294
Gallatin	8		Saline	
Greene	11			33
			Sangamon	674
Grundy	36		Schuyler	15
Hamilton	12		Scott	. 8
Hancock	23		Shelby	19
Hardin	9		St. Clair	408
Henderson	8		Stark	11
Henry	62		Stephenson	63
Iroquois	30		Tazewell	88
Jackson	121		Union	
	121			13
Jasper			Vermilion	139
Jefferson	75	•	Wabash	21
Jersey	14		Warren	30
Jo Daviess	24		Washington	14
Johnson	7		Wayne	16
Kane	520		White	15
Kankakee	100		Whiteside	66
Kendall	22		Will	349
Knox	60		Williamson	
				54
Lake	834		Winnebago	417
La Salle	177		Woodford	. 20
Lawrence	13			
Lee	31			

I. STAFF

II. OFFICE

A.	SALARIES AND RELATED EXPENSES	A.	GENERAL EXPENSES	c.	OTHER ASSETS	
	 Full Time Staff Part Time Staff Temporary Help Fed. & State Unemp. Taxes 	632,650.00 22,500.00 1,500.00 9,000.00	1. Office Rent 2. Telephone 3. Telephone - WATS line 4. Insurance - General	100,190.00 33,000.00 3,500.00 7,500.00	1. Office Furniture/ Equipment 2. Leasehold Improvements 3. Depreciation Expense	5,000.00 2,500.00 35,000.00
	 F.I.C.A. Pension - Funding Employee Group Insurance 	41,000.00 25,000.00 39,000.00	5. Postage6. Equipment Rental7. Supplies	29,000.00 16,000.00 17,500.00	III. OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL AND INVESTIGATIVE EXPENSES	
в.	TRAVEL EXPENSES 1. Administrator/Staff		8. Printing9. Duplicating	11,000.00	 Per Diem Outside Legal Services 	5,000.00
	2. Commission 3. Review Board	18,000.00 1,500.00 3,500.00	 Annual Report - publication, printing and mailing Reimbursement of Office Exp. 	11,000.00	Auditing, Bookkeeping, Payroll Administration of Pension Trust	15,000.00
	 Hearing Board Inquiry Board Auto Expenses 	2,500.00 3,000.00 6,500.00	12. Commodities COMPUTER ASSETS AND EXPENSES	4,500.00	4. Court Reporting 5. Other Outside Professional Services	35,000.00
c.	LIBRARY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION EXPENSES		Hardware Maintenance Software Maintenance	13,750.00 2,500.00	6. Investigation Expenses7. Witness Fees/Travel	5,000.00
	1. Staff - Continuing Ed. 2. Seminar 3. Library - Volumes	2,500.00 3,500.00 2,500.00	3. Supplies 4. Outside Services 5. Program Modification 6. Purchase of Hardware	5,000.00 1,500.00 6,000.00	Expenses 8. Supreme Court Committe on Code of Professional Responsibility	2,500.00
	4. Library - Periodicals	5,000.00				\$1,213,790.00

APPENDIX D

A COMPARISON OF FEES AND STAFFING OF LARGER DISCIPLINARY AGENCIES

) st	ate	Inte- grated Bar	Attorney Population	Annual Base Fee or Dues	Portion Use for Discipl		Staff Size
Califo	rnia ²	Yes	78,000	\$140.003	\$42.40	29	Lawyers Investigators
Florid	_					42	Clerical/Law Clerks
rioria	a	Yes	28,852	125.00	64.92	ģ	Lawyers Investigator Investigators (p/t)
						20 11	Clerical Law Clerks (p/t)
Illino	is	No	40,000	30.00	30.00	2	Auditors
			40,000	30.00	30.00	1	Lawyers Special Counsel Investigators
						9	Clerical Law Clerks (p/t)
Maryla	nd ⁴	No	12,000	54.00	44.00		Legal Assistant
			,==,000	3	44.00	3	Investigators Clerical
Massac	husetts	No	26,015	70.00	63.00	7	Lawyers Investigators
						7	Clerical Law Clerk
Michig	an	Yes	20,000	150.003	28.44		Lawyers
						5	Investigators Clerical Law Clerk
Minnes	ota	No	12,600	45.00 ³	33.00	6	Lawyers
						5	Investigator Clerical
Pennsy	lvania	No	29,675	40.00	40.00	. 7	Lawyers Investigators
	4						Clerical Law Clerks (p/t)
Washin	gton ⁴	Yes	9,500	145.00	50,00	1	Lawyers Investigator Clerical
Washin	gton, D.C.	Yes	26,302	65.00	19.11	8 2 8	Lawyers Investigators Clerical Law Clerks
Wiscon	sin	Yes	12,300	143.50	42.00	6	Lawyers Clerical
						.4	Law Clerks

¹⁹⁸¹ data collected from Bar Counsel of each state.

APPENDIX E

CASES IN OTHER FORUMS IN WHICH STAFF COUNSEL REPRESENT THE COMMISSION, STAFF, OR MEMBERS OF THE DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM

- Allott v. Sicinski, Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, 80-1059 (U.S. Supreme Court) Non-attorney plaintiff petitioned for writ of certiorari to the dismissal of civil rights complaint. Petition denied February 23, 1981.
- Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission v. Harris, 80 C 3974 (U.S. District Court, N.D.Ill.) Action filed to review determination of Health and Human Services exclusion of Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission from Social Security program. Pending.
- 3) Clay v. O'Malley, 81 L 16560 (Cir. Ct. Cook Co.). Former complainant filed action against Chief Counsel. Defendant's motion to dismiss granted January 18, 1982.
- Jafree v. Fairchild, 81 C 0796 (U.S. District Court, N.D.III.) Civil rights action filed February 17, 1981. Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, Administrator, and select staff attorneys named as defendants. Pending.
- Jafree v. Kelly, 81 C 1563 (U.S. District Court, N.D.Ill.) Defamation action filed March 23, 1981. Assistant Administrator named party defendant; later dismissed from suit by plaintiff.
- Jafree v. Supreme Court of Illinois, 81 C 2150 (U.S. District Court, N.D.Ill.). Suit filed by Illinois attorney seeking to enjoin disciplinary actions against him. Defendants' motion to dismiss granted January 19, 1982.
- Jafree v. Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, 81 C 2192 (U.S. District Court, N.D. Ill.). Title VII job discrimination action. Defendant's motion to dismiss granted January 19, 1982.
- Kutner v. Rolewick, 80 C 1032 (U.S. District Court, N.D. Ill.). Censured attorney filed civil rights action. Pending on plaintiff's motion for leave to file a second amended complaint.
- 9) Mitan v. Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, 80-22037 (U.S. Ct. of Appeals, 7th Cir.) Disbarred attorney appealed district court dismissal of civil rights complaint. District court decision affirmed on January 16, 1981.
- Mitan v. Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, 80-1757 (U.S. Supreme Court). Disbarred attorney filed petition for a writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court. Petition denied June 8, 1981.
- 11) Smith v. O'Malley, 79 C 4290 (U.S. District Court, N.D. Ill.). Civil rights action filed by disbarred attorney. Defendant's motion to dismiss granted June 11, 1981. Defendant's motion for attorney's fees pending.

² 1981 Budget for Investigation and Prosecution Division \$2,750,000. 1981 Budget for Adjudication Division \$859,000.

³Fee to be substantially increased in 1982 with corresponding increase in disciplinary portion of fee.

⁴¹⁹⁸⁰ data: source, NCPR.

REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1981

ATTORNEY REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION
OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1981

<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS	7 13 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	
Cash in Bank Accounts Receivable (Other Than Fees)	252,994.25 4,662.34	
Investments At Cost Prepaid Expenses	817,285.18 10,030.17	1,084,971.94
FIXED ASSETS		1,000,,,,,,,,
Office Furniture, Equipment, Library and Leasehold Improvements	351,472.13	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	106,070.48	245,401.65
Total Assets		1,330,373.59
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		1.63
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts Payable Deferred Income	20,921.90	
Reinstatement Deposits	723,705.00	
Group Legal Service Registration Fee Fund	9,392.68	754,333.28
FUND BALANCES Operating Fund	100/ mcallia	
Operating Fund Physical Asset and Replacement Fund	224,568.18 351,472.13	576,040.31
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		1,330,373.59
INCOME STATEMENT		
Year ended December 31,	1001	
Year ended December 31, <u>INCOME</u>	1391	
Attorney Registration Fees and Charges Collected	007 571 00	
Charges Collected Interest on Investments Other Miscellaneous Income	887,571.00 91,628.42	
	1,210.69	980,410.11
OPERATING EXPENSES Salaries	577,309.72	
Social Security Taxes Employees Group Insurance	41,331.94 37,596.64	
Employees Retirement Trust Office Rentals and Utilities	20,872.25 81,606.37	
Travel and Related Expenses Telephone	36,124.52 26,766.28	
Postage Postage Office Equipment Rental	29,218.43	
Library, Office Supplies and	15,064.34	
Related Expenses Insurance Outside Professional Services	48,084.05 7,055.19	
Outside Professional Services Data Processing, Software and	31,129.08	
Maintenance Court Reporting	25,839.83 32,511.19	
Witness Fees and Related Expenses Seminar Expenses	5,443.82 3.638.32	
Depreciation Expense Supreme Court Committee on Code of	33,506.27	
Professional Responsibility Excess Cost of Reinstatement Over	418.00	
Revenue	<u>237.00</u> <u>1</u>	1,053,753.24
NET LOSS	_	73,343.13
CTATEMENT OF CHANCES IN FINANCE	= COTET ON	
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCE Year ended December 31		
Year ended December 31,	, 1981	
SOURCE OF WORKING CAPITAL		
Expenses Not Requiring Use of Funds: Depreciation of Fixed Assets		33,506.27
Total Funds Provided by Operations		33,506.27
		30,300.2.
USE OF WORKING CAPITAL		
Net Loss for Year Ended		
December 31, 1981	73,343.13	V.
Purchase of Fixed Assets	78,884.75	152,227.88
DECREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL		118,721.61
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DECEME 1981	1980	
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> 1,084,971.94	1,166,678.11	
CURRENT LIABILITIES 754,333.28	717,317.84	
TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL 330,638.66	449,360.27	
DECREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL	or columns.	118,721.61

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To the Commissioners and Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois 203 North Wabash Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60601

We have examined the Financial Statements of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois for the year ended December 31, 1981.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accupied suditing standards, and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other suditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

ACCOUNTANTS' OPINION

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Statements present fairly the financial position of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois at December 31, 1981, and the results of its operations and the changes in the financial position for the year them ended, in conformity with graph accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander To trucker . Co Certified Public Accountants

Dated: February 27, 1982 Hillside, Illinois

GENERAL NOTES—DECEMBER 31, 1981

A. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The books and other financial records of the Commission are recorded on an accrued basis. The accounting year of the Commission is December 31, as established by a resolution by the Commissioners dated May 21, 1975.

Fixed assets are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation computed on a straight-line method over an estimated useful life of six to ten years. Leashold improvements are amortized over the lease period.

lease period.

The Commissioners have created a fund for the replacement of physical assets. The amount appropriated for the year ended December 31, 1981, was \$30,305.12. The fund balance at December 31, 1981, totals \$106,070.48.

B. 1981 UNCOLLECTED FEES

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By December 31, 1981, only 753 attorneys were unregistered and \$3,642.00 in registration fees uncollected. Of the 753 unregistered attorneys, 30 were not residents of Illinois, 569 were removed from Master Roll, 24 were more than 75 years old, and 130 were unaccounted for by reason of death or a change of address without notification to the Commission. The \$3,642.00 in uncollected registration fees are not carried as receivables since it cannot be determined that the amount is owed. A concerted effort was undertaken by the Administracannot be determined that the amount is owed. A concerted effort was undertaken by the Administrator to determine the reasons for failure to register. A second registration application was sent to each attorney. Telephone calls and personal visits were made throughout the state to determine whether the unregistered attorneys were engaged in the practice of law.

C. INVESTMENTS

All investment transactions are handled by the Trust Department of the Illinois National Bank of Springfield and are held in safekeeping at the bank.

D. COLLECTION OF FEES

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The Commission is funded by an annual registration fee assessed against Illinois attorneys. The annual fee is sent directly to a lock box located at the Springfield, Illinois, U.S. Post Office. The box is under the sole supervision of the Illinois National Bank of Springfield. The contents of the box are accounted for solely by the bank and all monies are deposited to the Commission's account. momes are deposited to the Commission's account. An accounting for these funds is sent regularly to the Commission's computer department for processing and comparison to the registrition and billing records. The system is test checked by our audit and the lock box system is also checked by the Internal Auditors of the bank and the National Bank Framiners.

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 E. LEASE COMMITMENTS

 The Commission has the following major lease commitments existing at December 31, 1981.

 1. Chicago Office September 1, 1975 through August 31, 1985 (Suite 1900-1920). Present value of lease commitment \$141,340.00.

 June 1, 1981 through August 31, 1985 (Suite 2020). Present value of lease commitment \$120,175.00 plus possible escalations for operating expenses. The Commission is also leasing on a month to month basis storage space at \$75.00 per month.

 2. Springfield Office February 1, 1980 through January 31, 1983 (Suite 330). Present value of lease commitment \$13,855.00 plus possible escalations for real estate taxes, operating expenses and utilities.

F. TAXABLE STATUS

January 29, 1976, the Internal Revenue

Service officially recognized the Commission as a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the Letter of Determination the Commission is exempt from Federal income tax. However, it is required to annually file Form 990 (an information return) with the I.R.S. The Internal Revenue Service has examined the return for the year ended December 31, 1978, and made no changes.

G. DEFERRED INCOME

On November 1, 1981, registrations for the calendar year 1982 were mailed to all attorneys. Any registration fees received from the mailing dato to December 21, 1981, are deferred income. T amount received during such period was \$7.705.00 which will be reported as income in 198.

H. EMPLOYEES' RETIRMENT PLAN AND TRUST

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On October 15, 1977, the Commission established a Retirement Plan and Trust for the benefit of all qualified employees. Under the terms of the agreement each participating employee is required to contribute four (4%) percent of his or her annual salary to the Trust and the Commission is required to contribute a like amount. In addition the employee and Commission may contribute additional amounts.

The Plan and Trust was effective January 1, 1977. The contribution by the Commission during 1981 was \$20,872.25.

The Commission appointed Mr. Joseph H. Reynolds, Sr. of the firm of J.H. Reynolds and Associates, Inc., employee benefit consultants, to act as Trustee. The commissioners unanimously voted to terminate the service of Mr. Joseph H. Reynolds, Sr. as Plan Administrator, and to appoint in his stead Carl H. Rolewick, effective January 1, 1982.

The Internal Revenue Service has approved the

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The Internal Revenue Service has approved the Plan and Trust for qualification. On March 3, 1981 the Internal Revenue Service made an examination of the plan qualification, transactions and operations. On May 11, 1981, the Internal Revenue Service informed the Commission that the return for the period ended December 31, 1980, was accepted as filed.

I. LITIGATION
Periodically attorneys or other persons bring suit against the Commission, staff, or members of the various boards challenging the Commission's authority or seeking injunctive relief or damages allegedly caused by disciplinary decisions. These cases have been handled successfuly by staff attorneys. While some cases are currently pending, in the opinion of the Commission, they are without merit.

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In addition, on July 30, 1980, the Commission and the Administrator, on their own behalf and on behalf of all employees past and present, filed suit against the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Health and Human Services seeking judicial review of the Social Security Administration's revocation of employee social securicoverage. Pending disposition of the suit, or coverage. Pending disposition of the suit, appropriate employment taxes are being paid when due. This case is still pending.

J. GROUP LEGAL SERVICE REGISTRATION FEE FUND

FEE FUND
All registration fees received from group legal service plans have been segregated from all other funds of the Commission. Presently these monies are invested in a trust account at the Illinois National Bank, Springfield, Illinois.