

Lawyer Discipline

2006 REPORT CARD



MICHIGAN

Overall Grade:

C

← What's New Since 2002: Michigan's overall standing remains relatively unchanged. While the state's attorney discipline system is now more transparent, it is investigating fewer complaints than it did four years ago.

About Michigan's Lawyer Discipline System:

Ranked 25th in the nation overall.

↓ Investigates only one out of every four complaints received.*

↑ Publicizes names of sanctioned attorneys in local newspapers read by the general public.

↑ One of only 13 states in the country that applies the fair "preponderance of the evidence" standard for proving misconduct. The rest of the states require the far more onerous "clear and convincing" standard.

↓ Received an *Incomplete* for Promptness because Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission did not provide American Bar Association with statistics related to its timeliness in processing complaints.*

* According to the most recent statistics from the American Bar Association, which derive from the 2004 ABA Survey on Lawyer Discipline Systems.

Adequacy of Discipline Imposed	D-
Publicity and Responsiveness	C+
Openness of the Process	B+
Fairness of Disciplinary Procedures	B
Public Participation	C
Promptness	INCOMPLETE
Overall Grade	C



To file a grievance against an attorney licensed in Michigan, download a form entitled "Request for Investigation of Attorney" at www.agcml.com/RiRequestform.htm or obtain a form by calling (313) 961-6585 or by writing to: Attorney Grievance Commission, 243 West Congress, Marquette Building, Suite 256, Detroit, Michigan 48226-3259.