

**Matter of Guy**  
**Del. Supr. Ct. No. 329, 1999(6/28/00)**  
**Board Case Nos. 20 and 21, 1998**  
**Del Supr. Ct. No. 45, 2000**  
**Board Case Nos. 57, 61 and 90, 1996; Nos. 3 and 107, 1997**

**Disciplinary Rules:**            **DLRPC 1.1, 1.2(a), 1.3, 1.4(a), 3.2, 3.4(c), 8.1(b), 8.2**

**Sanctions Imposed:**        Suspension

By Opinion dated June 28, 2000, the Delaware Supreme Court considered two decisions of the Board on Professional Responsibility in seven disciplinary matters involving Samuel L. Guy, Esquire, a Wilmington lawyer. Mr. Guy's violations of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct included: (1) failure to provide competent representation on behalf of two clients; (2) making a false statement about a member of the judiciary; and (3) multiple instances of lack of cooperation and failure to respond to requests for information from attorney disciplinary authorities. The Court ruled that Mr. Guy is suspended from engaging in the practice of law for a period of seven months, beginning July 1, 2000.

In determining that Mr. Guy's conduct warranted suspension, the Court considered his substantial prior disciplinary record, including private admonitions in 1993 and 1995, two public reprimands in 1994, and another public reprimand in 1995. The Court found: "Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of [Mr. Guy's] disciplinary experience has been his unwillingness to acknowledge any responsibility for his actions." The Court also emphasized Mr. Guy's "complete lack of appreciation for the need to conform his conduct with that expected of all other members of the Delaware Bar".

Mr. Guy is eligible to apply for reinstatement after January 31, 2001. As part of any reinstatement proceedings, Mr. Guy would have the burden of demonstrating fitness and competence to practice law, a sincere recognition of the wrongfulness and seriousness of his misconduct, and that his resumption of the practice of law would not be detrimental to the administration of justice.