

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON ETHICAL AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

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Subject: Judicial Function of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs – Annual Report

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1 At the 2003 Annual Meeting, the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA) presented a
2 detailed explanation of its judicial function. This undertaking was motivated in part by the
3 considerable attention the concept of professionalism has received in many areas of medicine,
4 including the concept of professional self-regulation.
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6 The informational report addressed the categories of physicians whose ethical conduct may be
7 investigated (AMA members and applicants for membership); the evidence CEJA considers when
8 it makes a determination; the types of disciplinary sanctions CEJA can impose; and other
9 procedural aspects of the disciplinary peer review process.
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11 With regard to the types of disciplinary sanctions CEJA can impose, the report listed the following
12 sanctions: rejection of an application; acceptance of an application, but conditioned on terms of
13 probation; expulsion of an existing member; probation of an existing member; suspension of an
14 existing member; or admonishment, reprimand, or censure. In 2004, the Council added a
15 monitoring status as another potential sanction.
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17 Beginning with the 2003 report, the Council has provided an annual tabulation of its judicial
18 activities to the House of Delegates. In the appendix to this report, a tabulation of CEJA's
19 activities during the most recent reporting period is presented.

APPENDIX

CEJA JUDICIAL FUNCTION March 1, 2005 ~ March 1, 2006

Physicians Reviewed	REPORTS OF POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS
20	Initial letters notifying a physician of CEJA's review
15	Physicians currently under consideration by AMA staff for possible notification
150	Approximate number of physicians reviewed who were not brought to CEJA's attention.

Physicians Reviewed	SUMMARY OF CEJA ACTIVITIES
0	Determination of no probable cause
19	Final determinations following a plenary hearing
11	Final determinations without a plenary hearing (hearing waived, offer of compromise accepted, or non-response to the offer of a hearing)

Physicians Reviewed	FINAL DETERMINATION (by type of action taken)
5	No sanction or other type of action
9	Monitoring
4	Probation
5	Revocation (existing AMA members)
4	Suspension
1	Denial (applicants)
2	Censure/Admonishment/Reprimand

Physician Members and/or Applicants	PROBATION STATUS
42	Members currently on probation/monitoring and reviewed semi-annually
3	Probation concluded during reporting interval