

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 CEJA can impose the following sanctions: applicants can be accepted into membership without any
12 condition, or can be placed under monitoring, or on probation. They also may be accepted but be
13 the object of an admonishment, a reprimand, or censure. In some cases, their application can be
14 rejected. Existing members similarly may be placed under monitoring or on probation, and can be
15 admonished, reprimanded or censured. Additionally, their membership may be suspended or they
16 may be expelled.

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18 Beginning with the 2003 report, the Council has provided an annual tabulation of its judicial
19 activities to the House of Delegates. In the appendix to this report, a tabulation of CEJA's
20 activities during the most recent reporting period is presented.

APPENDIX

**Judicial Function
March 1, 2006 ~ February 28, 2007**

Physicians Reviewed	Reports of Possible Violations
48	Physicians currently under consideration for possible notification
100	Approximate number of physicians reviewed who were not brought to CEJA's attention.

Physicians Reviewed	Summary of CEJA's Review
8	Determination of no probable cause
13	Final determinations following a plenary hearing
7	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
0	Revocation (existing AMA members...does not include revocation of probation/monitoring physicians)
2	Revocation following non-compliance with terms of probation/monitoring
0	Suspension
4	Denial (applicants)
0	Censure/Admonishment/Reprimand
2	Resignation accepted
0	Withdrawal of application
2	Probation
5	Monitoring
5	No sanction or other type of action

Physicians Reviewed	Probation Status
32	Members currently on probation/monitoring and reviewed semi-annually
11	Probation concluded during reporting interval