

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON ETHICAL AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

CEJA Report 6-A-24

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

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Referred to: Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

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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 professionalism has received in many areas of medicine, including the  
4 concept of professional self-regulation.  
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6 CEJA has authority under the Bylaws of the American Medical Association (AMA) to disapprove  
7 a membership application or to take action against a member. The disciplinary process begins when  
8 a possible violation of the Principles of Medical Ethics or illegal or other unethical conduct by an  
9 applicant or member is reported to the AMA. This information most often comes from statements  
10 made in the membership application form, a report of disciplinary action taken by state licensing  
11 authorities or other membership organizations, or a report of action taken by a government tribunal.  
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13 The Council rarely re-examines determinations of liability or sanctions imposed by other entities.  
14 However, it also does not impose its own sanctions without first offering a hearing to the physician.  
15 CEJA can impose the following sanctions: applicants can be accepted into membership without any  
16 condition, placed under monitoring, or placed on probation. They also may be accepted, but be the  
17 object of an admonishment, a reprimand, or censure. In some cases, their application can be  
18 rejected. Existing members similarly may be placed under monitoring or on probation, and can be  
19 admonished, reprimanded or censured. Additionally, their membership may be suspended or they  
20 may be expelled. Updated rules for review of membership can be found at [https://www.ama-](https://www.ama-assn.org/governing-rules)  
21 [assn.org/governing-rules](https://www.ama-assn.org/governing-rules).  
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23 Beginning with the 2003 report, the Council has provided an annual tabulation of its judicial  
24 activities to the House of Delegates. In the appendix to this report, a tabulation of CEJA’s activities  
25 during the most recent reporting period is presented.

APPENDIX

CEJA  
*Judicial Function  
 Statistics*

APRIL 1, 2023 – MARCH 31, 2024

<b>Physicians Reviewed</b>	<b><u>SUMMARY OF CEJA ACTIVITIES</u></b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Determinations of no probable cause</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Determinations following a plenary hearing</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Determinations after a finding of probable cause, based only on the written record, after the physician waived the plenary hearing</b>

<b>Physicians Reviewed</b>	<b><i>FINAL DETERMINATIONS FOLLOWING INITIAL REVIEWS</i></b>
<b>14</b>	<b>No sanction or other type of action</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Monitoring</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Probation</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Revocation</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Suspension</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Denied</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Suspension lifted</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Censure</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Reprimand</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Admonish</b>

<b>Physicians Reviewed</b>	<b><u>PROBATION/MONITORING STATUS</u></b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Members placed on Probation/Monitoring during reporting interval</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Members placed on Probation without reporting to Data Bank</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Probation/Monitoring concluded satisfactorily during reporting interval</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Memberships suspended due to non-compliance with the terms of probation</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Physicians on Probation/Monitoring at any time during reporting interval who paid their AMA membership dues</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Physicians on Probation/Monitoring at any time during reporting interval who did not pay their AMA membership dues</b>