

# DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS October 2023

Secretary of State Al Schmidt announced that 72 disciplinary actions have been taken by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs' 29 professional licensing boards, and the Bureau of Election Services and Notaries:

PA Board of Accountancy

**PA Architects Licensure Board** 

PA Board of Auctioneer Examiners

**PA Board of Barber Examiners** 

**PA Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers** 

**PA Board of Chiropractic** 

PA Board of Cosmetology

**PA Board of Crane Operators** 

PA Board of Dentistry

PA Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists

**PA Board of Funeral Directors** 

PA Board of Landscape Architects

PA Board of Massage Therapy

**PA Board of Medicine** 

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**PA Board of Nursing** 

PA Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators

PA Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure

**PA Board of Optometry** 

PA Board of Osteopathic Medicine

**PA Board of Pharmacy** 

**PA Board of Physical Therapy** 

**PA Board of Podiatry** 

**PA Board of Psychology** 

**Real Estate Commission** 

PA Board of Speech-Language and Hearing Examiners

PA Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional

Counselors

PA Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

**PA Board of Veterinary Medicine** 

# **Actions by County**

The specific actions listed below were taken against individuals or firms in these counties:

County	# of Actions	County	# of Actions
Adams	0	Lackawanna	1
Allegheny	7	Lancaster	1
Armstrong	0	Lawrence	0
Beaver	0	Lebanon	1
Bedford	0	Lehigh	3
Berks	2	Luzerne	3
Blair	0	Lycoming	1
Bradford	1	McKean	0
Bucks	1	Mercer	1
Butler	0	Mifflin	0
Cambria	0	Monroe	1
Cameron	0	Montgomery	2
Carbon	1	Montour	0
Centre	1	Northampton	0
Chester	1	Northumberland	0
Clarion	0	Perry	0
Clearfield	2	Philadelphia	15
Clinton	0	Pike	0
Columbia	1	Potter	0
Crawford	0	Schuylkill	0
Cumberland	3	Snyder	1
Dauphin	2	Somerset	0
Delaware	5	Sullivan	0
Elk	0	Susquehanna	0
Erie	1	Tioga	0
Fayette	1	Union	2
Forest	0	Venango	0
Franklin	1	Warren	0
Fulton	0	Washington	2
Greene	0	Wayne	0
Huntingdon	0	Westmoreland	1
Indiana	0	Wyoming	0
Jefferson	0	York	0
Juniata	0	Total in-State actions	65
Actions taken against professionals with non-PA addresses			7
Total			72

## **PA Board of Accountancy**

No disciplinary actions taken.

## **PA Architects Licensure Board**

No disciplinary actions taken.

## **PA Board of Auctioneer Examiners**

No disciplinary actions taken.

#### **PA Board of Barber Examiners**

#### **Allegheny County**

Alex Henson, license No. BL053235, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had his license suspended indefinitely, retroactive to May 24, 2023, based on violating the terms of a prior Board Order. (10/11/23)

#### **Delaware County**

Noah T. Barber, license no. BL051818, of Norwood, Delaware County, was levied a civil penalty of \$500; and received a reprimand on his permanent record with the Board, because Barber practiced as a barber on a lapsed or expired license. (10/23/23)

#### **Lehigh County**

Mark Little, license no. BL053192, of Allentown, Lehigh County, was suspended for one year, stayed in favor of probation, levied a civil penalty of \$2,000; costs of investigations of \$680.02; received a reprimand on his permanent record with the Board, and must cease and desist from operating an unlicensed barber shop, because Little engaged in dishonest conduct by lying on his reactivation application, practiced as a barber on an expired license, practiced in an unlicensed barber shop, and aided and abetted the unlicensed operation of a barber shop. (10/23/23)

## Philadelphia County

Before And After Sports Barber Shop's license, license no. BO433685, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for five years, immediately stayed in favor of probation; levied a civil penalty of \$4,000; costs of investigation of \$162.48; and must cease and desist employing unlicensed persons, and operating on a suspended and expired license; because it employed an unlicensed person to perform barbering services; failed to be under the immediate supervision of a manager-barber or a licensee designated in charge of the shop and/or failed to post the name of the manager-barber or the designated licensee in a conspicuous place in the barber shop; and violated a lawful disciplinary order of the board by operating on a suspended license. (10/23/23)

# PA Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

#### **Union County**

Leslie Ann Kenamond, license no. LAT001051, of Mifflinburg, Union County, was levied a civil penalty of \$300; and must complete the missing hours of continuing education, because Kenamond failed to complete at least 28 hours of continuing education during the July 1, 2021-June 30, 2023, biennial reporting period. (10/19/23)

## **PA Board of Chiropractic**

No disciplinary actions taken.

## **PA Board of Cosmetology**

#### **Allegheny County**

Jamie Rush-Scafuri, license no. CO285355, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/25/23)

Laura Michele's Beauty Salon, license no. CB119239, of Upper Saint Clair, Allegheny County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/27/23)

#### **Berks County**

Susan Lynne Petersen d/b/a Susan L. Petersen Beauty Shop, cosmetology teacher license number CT011719L and salon license number CB094152L, of Temple, Berks County, were each revoked and levied a civil penalty of \$5,000 for providing cosmetology services and operating a cosmetology salon without current and active licenses. (09/26/23)

#### **Chester County**

Ragen C. Smith, license no. CO268710, of West Chester, Chester County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/27/23)

## **Clearfield County**

Erin Love Williams, license number CQ121147, of Osceola Mills, Clearfield County, was levied a civil penalty of \$2,500 and issued a public reprimand for operating a cosmetology salon, nail technology salon, or esthetician salon without a license. (09/27/23)

## **Cumberland County**

Danyelle Vanorden, cosmetologist license number CO234358L, of Carlisle, Cumberland County, was placed on probation for at least two years, and concurrent to the criminal sentence based upon their felony and misdemeanor convictions. (09/27/23)

#### **Delaware County**

Helen E. Wright, license no. CO143821L, of Upland, Delaware County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/26/23)

Shane P. Gallagher, license no. CO294872, of Clifton Heights, Delaware County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/27/23)

Benjamin A. Camagna, license no. CO262376, of Glen Mills, Delaware County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/27/23)

#### **Franklin County**

VIP Nails, license no. CY193338, of Chambersburg, Franklin County, was levied a civil penalty of \$1,000; received a reprimand on its permanent record with the board, and must cease and desist from possessing any products or substances containing Methyl Methacrylate (MMA), because VIP Nails operated as a nail technology salon in a grossly incompetent and/or unethical manner through the possession of MMA. (9/25/23)

#### **Lehigh County**

Arleen G. Cedeno Torres, of Allentown, Lehigh County, shall cease and desist and was assessed a civil penalty of \$750 and was assessed costs of investigation of \$857.54, for practicing cosmetology without first obtaining the necessary license. (09/26/23)

#### **Lycoming County**

Michael A. Morgan, license no. CO204807L, of Williamsport, Lycoming County, was levied a civil penalty of \$500; and received a reprimand permanent record with the Board, because he practiced cosmetology without a current and active license from February 1, 2022, through October 2, 2022. (9/25/23)

#### **Montgomery County**

Aimee Ann Haupert, license no. CO273968, of Conshohocken, Montgomery County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/27/23)

Kandice Strum, license no. CO237027L, of Hatfield, Montgomery County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/29/23)

#### **Philadelphia County**

Aminah Aguilar t/d/b/a Angel La'Flare, unlicensed, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a civil penalty of \$3,000, and Ordered to Cease and Desist the practicing and teaching cosmetology and esthetics without a license and practicing cosmetology and esthetics in an unlicensed location. (9/6/23)

Davonna Banks, license no. CO290792, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/06/23)

Ayana S. Palmer, license no. CO287224, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/22/23)

Achele N. Hinds cosmetology license number CO217167L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, had her cosmetology license placed on probation for two years because of her criminal conviction. (09/26/23)

Euselkis Alberto-Ogando, license no. CO265555, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/27/23)

Christina Totiana Beatty, license no. CO301476, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/27/23)

Lisa K. Young, cosmetologist license number CO211689L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was placed on probation concurrent to the criminal sentence based upon their felony conviction. (09/27/23)

Mu Ling Chen, license no. CO276648, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/29/23)

Daphne L. Childs, license no. CO292692, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was suspended for failing to pay a previously imposed civil penalty. (09/29/23)

#### **Snyder County**

Shaun D. Sees, license no. CO285321, of Selinsgrove, Snyder County, was levied a civil penalty of \$500; and received a reprimand on Sees's permanent record with the Board, because Sees practiced cosmetology without a current and active license from February 1, 2022, through August 25, 2022. (9/25/23)

## PA Board of Crane Operators

No disciplinary actions taken.

# **PA Board of Dentistry**

#### **Luzerne County**

Coryvette Olivo, expanded function dental assistant (EFDA) certificate and license no. DF004917, of Wilkes Barre, Luzerne County, was suspended for no less than three years retroactive to May 26, 2023, based on findings she violated the terms of a previous board order. (10/4/23)

# PA Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists

No disciplinary actions taken.

# **PA Board of Funeral Directors**

No disciplinary actions taken.

# PA Board of Landscape Architects

No disciplinary actions taken.

## PA Board of Massage Therapy

#### **Cumberland County**

Jason Abrams of Lemoyne, Cumberland County, was assessed a civil penalty of \$10,000 and was ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed practice of massage therapy. (09/19/2023)

#### Philadelphia County

Gus J. Dontas, Jr., of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, had their application for a license to practice as a massage therapist denied as a result of their apparent impairment to practicing with reasonable skill and safety. (10/26/23)

#### **PA Board of Medicine**

#### **Berks County**

Rick L Milen, licenses no. PO000166 & OH000239, of Bernville, Berks County, was levied a civil penalty of \$800; and costs of investigation of \$127.74; because Milen actively practiced as a prosthetist/orthotist while his licenses were expired and not renewed. (10/24/23)

## **Bucks County**

Huaguang Qu, license no. MD445746, of Chalfont, Bucks County, was levied a civil penalty of \$7,500; and received a reprimand on his permanent disciplinary record with the Board, because Qu engaged in unprofessional conduct, including the departure from or failure to conform to an ethical or quality standard of the profession, by failing to provide any collaboration or oversight to Healing Place Medical as its medical director, by providing another physician's name and license number as substitute physician on collaborative agreements for CRNP prescriptive authority, without the other physician's knowledge or permission, and by failing to provide any collaboration or oversight to CRNPs. (10/24/2023)

## **Dauphin County**

Joseph D Macut, license no. MA000412L, of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, permanently voluntarily surrendered Macut's license, because Macut engaged in unprofessional conduct by failing to conform to the quality standard of the profession by failing to appropriately document information in a patient's medical records. (10/24/23)

## **Delaware County**

Francis T. Blamoh, Jr., license no. BH000475, of Darby, Delaware County, was reprimanded, retroactive to September 5, 2023, based on failing to report his Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition to the Board. (10/2/23)

#### **Lackawanna County**

Jarad Bonda, license no. RT008297, of Throop, Lackawanna County, had his application for an athletic trainer license granted and placed on probation for a period of no less than one year. (10/12/23)

#### Out of State

Chris B Bjarke, license no. MD463035, of Renton, Washington agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his medical license, because Bjarke had a license or other authorization to practice the profession disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10/24/23)

Navigation Commission for the Delaware River and its Navigable Tributaries
No disciplinary actions taken.

## **Secretary of the Commonwealth - Notaries Public**

#### **Allegheny County**

Marvin Spodek, notary commission number 1158243, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, is prohibited from reapplying for appointment and commission as a notary public for a period of four years, based on his guilty plea to one (1) count of Tampering with Public Records or Information, a misdemeanor of the second degree; and one (1) count of Securing Execution of Documents by Deception, a misdemeanor of the second degree. Respondent's journal noted fees in excess of the fees fixed by the Secretary and did not include the date of issuance and expiration for identification credentials, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, 57 Pa.C.S. §323(a), in that Respondent lacks the honesty, integrity, competence, or reliability to hold the office of notary public.

#### **Lackawanna County**

Shannon Ford, notary commission no. 1280768, of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, agreed to the suspension of her notary commission for six months, immediately stayed in favor of probation; levied an administrative penalty of \$750; a probation assessment of \$300; and must complete six hours of remedial education because she failed to require a personal appearance when notarizing a signature, and had a noncompliant notary journal. (10/10/2023)

## **Lehigh County**

Anagabriela Stebbins, notary commission number 1355648, of Allentown, Lehigh County, is prohibited from reapplying for appointment and commission as a notary public for a period of four years, based on her guilty plea to one (1) count of Theft By Failure to Make Required Disposition of Funds, a third-degree felony; and one (1) count of Forgery – Unauthorized Acts in Writing, a third-degree felony. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, 57 Pa.C.S. §323(a)(3), in that Respondent lacks the honesty, integrity, competence, or reliability to hold the office of notary public.

#### **Philadelphia County**

Bianca Alvarez, notary commission no. 1210142, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, agreed to the suspension of her notary commission for fifteen months, which shall be three months active suspension and one year of suspension stayed in favor of probation; levied a civil penalty of \$1,000; a probation assessment of \$600; and must complete six hours of remedial education because she failed to secure or destroy her notary stamp, and failed to consistently record required information in her notarial journal. (10/26/23)

## **PA Board of Nursing**

#### **Bradford County**

Tamara Dyan Baker, license No. PN283729, of Canton, Bradford County, had her license suspended for her conviction to a misdemeanor under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (10/19/23)

#### **Carbon County**

Danielle Mertz, license No. RN653431, of Summit Hill, Carbon County, had her license indefinitely suspended based on her convictions of a crimes of moral turpitude directly related to the nursing profession. (09/15/23)

#### **Centre County**

Daphne Darlene Mumma, LPN, license No. PN281953, of Milesburg, Centre County, had her license suspended based on her conviction of a crime of moral turpitude directly related to the nursing profession. (09/18/23)

## **Clearfield County**

Shawn Kennedy, license No. RN650677, of Clearfield, Clearfield County, had his license indefinitely suspended based on his inability to practice professional nursing with reasonable skill and safety related to the nursing profession. (09/15/23)

#### **Columbia County**

Stephanie Lee Shumaker, license no. RN590013, of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, had her professional nursing license indefinitely suspended, based on disciplinary action being taken against her license to practice nursing by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09/18/23)

## **Erie County**

Lacey Renee Armstrong, license No. RN584345, of East Springfield, Erie County, had her license reinstated to probationary status after complying with a previous board order. (10/19/23)

#### **Luzerne County**

Amanda Ann Ferdinand, license No. PN294641, of Hazle Township, Luzerne County, had her license reinstated to probationary status after complying with the terms of prior board orders. (09/15/23)

Patrice M. Neville, LPN, license no. PN267703, of Nanticoke, Luzerne County, had her license reinstated to probation for a period no less than three years, based on her compliance with a previous Board order. (10/16/23)

#### **Mercer County**

Jessica A. Johnson, license No. PN261735, of Greenville, Mercer County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to June 15, 2023, based on violating the terms of a prior Board Order. (10/23/23)

#### Philadelphia County

Anthony M. Hinson, license no. RN700220, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was revoked based on his conviction to a felony and misdemeanor crimes of moral turpitude that are related to the profession. (09/19/23)

#### **Union County**

Rena Koch, license no. PN298772, of Lewisburg, Union County, had her license reinstated to probationary status, based on her compliance with a previous board order. (09/27/23)

#### **Washington County**

Alice Del Davis, PA License Nos. RN679192 and PN098011L, of Monongahela, Washington County, were suspended based on her convictions for crimes of moral turpitude and that are directly related to the practice of the profession. (09/18/23)

Jacquelyin Hallmark Linton, LPN, license No. PN250869L, of Washington, Washington County, was suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to June 13, 2023, based on violating the terms of a prior Board Order. (10/17/23)

#### **Westmoreland County**

Michelle Hawkins, LPN license no. PN299309 of Vandergrift, Westmoreland County, had her license indefinitely suspended with the suspension stayed in favor of probation based on being unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients. (09/19/23)

#### **Out of State**

Sasha Weaver, license no. PN320978 of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, had her practical nurse license granted on probationary status, based on her misdemeanor conviction which directly relates to the nursing profession. (10/13/23)

Erin D. Oakes, LPN, PA license number PN277502, of Sheldon, Vermont, had her license indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, because she is unable to practice practical nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination, so long as such dependance shall continue. (09/18/23)

Jean E. Kane, license no. RN636233, of Clayton, New Jersey, had her professional nursing license indefinitely suspended, based on disciplinary action being taken against her privilege to practice nursing by the proper licensing authority of another state. (09/18/23)

Dean Marks Ambrozak, PA License No. RN665948, last known of Fairmont, West Virginia, was revoked based on his conviction of a felony sex offense directly related to the practice of the profession. (09/18/23)

## PA Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators

No disciplinary actions taken.

#### PA Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure

No disciplinary actions taken.

## **PA Board of Optometry**

No disciplinary actions taken.

## **PA Board of Osteopathic Medicine**

#### **Philadelphia County**

Irina Staicu, license no. OS018048, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, had a public reprimand placed on her disciplinary record with the Board., because Staicu had a license to practice the profession disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10/11/23)

# **PA Board of Pharmacy**

No disciplinary actions taken.

# PA Board of Physical Therapy

No disciplinary actions taken.

# PA Board of Podiatry

## **Lebanon County**

Steven Dennis Epstein, license no. SC002168L, of Lebanon, Lebanon County, was actively suspended for no less than three years retroactive to February 16, 2022; because Epstein committed gross incompetency, gross immorality, negligence, or misconduct in carrying on of such profession. (10/18/23)

## **PA Board of Psychology**

No disciplinary actions taken.

#### **Real Estate Commission**

### **Monroe County**

Isaac C Teeple, license no. RS308988, of Sciota, Monroe County, was Revoked, because Teeple was convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction in this or any other state, or Federal court, of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, bribery, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or any similar offense or offenses, or any similar offense or offenses, or any felony or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to any such offense or offenses. (10/3/23)

## PA Board of Speech-Language and Hearing Examiners

No disciplinary actions taken.

# PA Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors

#### **Allegheny County**

Rachel Lynn Witkowski, L.P.C., license no. PC006641, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had her license to practice as a licensed professional counselor temporarily suspended, pending a hearing, on the grounds that her continued practice within the Commonwealth may be an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. (10/5/23)

# PA Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

## **Allegheny County**

Cody Albritton, vehicle salesperson license number MV285640, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had his license granted, to be immediately placed on probation for at least two years, due to his prior felony conviction. (08/02/23)

Marcus Ryan Deringer, license no. MV246767, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, permanently voluntarily surrendered his license, because Deringer was convicted of burglary, aggravated assault and due to the nature of the criminal convictions licensure would pose a substantial risk to the health and safety of the his patients or clients or the public, or a substantial risk of further convictions. (10/17/23)

## **Cumberland County**

Michael G. Ricci, vehicle salesperson license number MV178439, of Carlisle, Cumberland County, was revoked based upon his convictions for crimes of moral turpitude related to the profession. (9/6/23)

#### **Dauphin County**

Sean A. Davis, license no. MV211739 and East Shore Auto Inc, license no. VD031251, both of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of Davis's license, because Davis was convicted of two counts of Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposition of Funds Received, crimes directly related to his occupation, trade, or profession; and he poses a substantial risk to the public, health and safety of his patients, clients, or the public, or a substantial risk of further criminal convictions. (10/17/23)

#### **Fayette County**

Kenton Alexander Lincoln, vehicle salesperson license number MV266569, of Uniontown, Fayette County, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty and placed on probation for at least two years based upon his criminal conviction. (09/06/23)

#### **Lancaster County**

Colin Michael Charley, vehicle salesperson license number MV202404, of Lancaster, Lancaster County, had his license revoked based upon his criminal conviction. (09/07/23)

#### **Philadelphia County**

Stephen K. Merry, Jr., vehicle salesperson license number MV251422, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was revoked based upon his convictions for crimes of moral turpitude related to the profession. (09/06/23)

#### **Out of State**

James R. Reed, vehicle salesperson license number MV245139, of Wadsworth, Medina County, Ohio, had his vehicle salesperson license placed on probation for two years based upon his convictions for crimes of moral turpitude related to the profession. (9/6/23)

Fawze Abusedo, license no. MV285917, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, had his application for a vehicle salesperson license granted and placed on probation for a period of not less than two years based upon his criminal convictions. (10/23/23)

# **PA Board of Veterinary Medicine**

No disciplinary actions taken.

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A complete list of sanctions is available online at <a href="https://www.dos.pa.gov">www.dos.pa.gov</a>.

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