**Lawyer Discipline, BY THE NUMBERS**

1. **How many grievances were filed against Texas attorneys during the 2020-2021 bar year?**
   - A. 5,217
   - B. 7,007
   - C. 9,256
   - D. 12,755

2. **When a grievance fails to allege, on its face, any professional misconduct, it is categorized as an “inquiry” and dismissed. The number of grievances last year is what percentage of the total number of grievances dismissed as inquiries?**
   - A. 28%
   - B. 37%
   - C. 54%
   - D. 70%

3. **The Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel classifies every case in which sanctions are issued by practice area. Last year, what percentage of attorney sanctions were classified as criminal law?**
   - A. 8%
   - B. 15%
   - C. 22%
   - D. 31%

4. **What percentage of attorney sanctions were classified as family law?**
   - A. 19%
   - B. 23%
   - C. 28%
   - D. 33%

5. **What percentage of attorney sanctions were classified as personal injury law?**
   - A. 9%
   - B. 15%
   - C. 21%
   - D. 29%

6. **The CDC classifies every case in which sanctions are issued by the type of misconduct. What percentage of grievances involve safeguarding property?**
   - A. 8%
   - B. 11%
   - C. 15%
   - D. 19%

7. **What percentage of grievances involve neglect?**
   - A. 10%
   - B. 16%
   - C. 23%
   - D. 28%

8. **What percentage of grievances are classified as communication?**
   - A. 15%
   - B. 21%
   - C. 25%
   - D. 28%

9. **What percentage are classified as declining/terminating representation?**
   - A. 5%
   - B. 9%
   - C. 14%
   - D. 18%

10. **What percentage are classified as integrity?**
    - A. 18%
    - B. 24%
    - C. 27%
    - D. 32%

11. **Of the total disciplinary sanctions issued, what percentage were issued against male attorneys?**
    - A. 52%
    - B. 61%
    - C. 73%
    - D. 79%

12. **How many Texas lawyers were disbarred last year?**
    - A. 18
    - B. 35
    - C. 51
    - D. 73

13. **How many lawyers were suspended?**
    - A. 62
    - B. 98
    - C. 123
    - D. 154

14. **The State Bar’s Client Security Fund provides compensation to victims of attorney theft or an attorney’s failure to refund unearned funds who meet certain eligibility criteria. How much did the Client Security Fund distribute last year to victims of lawyer misconduct?**
    - A. $190,408
    - B. $278,560
    - C. $390,717
    - D. $483,700

15. **The CDC operates a toll-free Ethics Helpline (800-532-3947) that provides guidance to Texas attorneys on relevant ethics rules, opinions, and caselaw (though it cannot provide legal advice). Approximately how many calls did the Ethics Helpline answer last year?**
    - A. 2,000
    - B. 3,000
    - C. 4,000
    - D. 5,000

**Ethics Question of the Month**

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**Correct responses:** 1(B), 2(D), 3(C), 4(B), 5(A), 6(B), 7(C), 8(D), 9(C), 10(B), 11(D), 12(A), 13(C), 14(D), and 15(D).

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