

ACA Annual Ethics Report - Fiscal Year 2015

I. Definitions

Inquiries are defined as any occasion in which a member contacts the office of ethics to obtain clarity about any issue pertaining to the ACA Code of Ethics.

Complaints are defined as any occasion in which either a member or consumer submits a complaint form to the office of ethics to formally file a grievance against a counselor who is suspected of having violated one or more portions of the code of ethics.

Sanctions are defined as the penalties applied to any member who is found guilty of having violated one or more portions of the code of ethics. The penalties may include suspension or revocation of one's membership.

Fiscal Year (FY) is defined as the 12 month period beginning July 1st of each year and ending June 30th of the following calendar year. This document covers the 12 month period starting July 1, 2014 and ending June, 30th 2015.

II. Inquiries

Approximate number of total inquiries FY '15: 1,903

III. Complaint Tally FY '15:

- # of Complaints: 5
- # Accepted for Adjudication: 1
- # Complaints Accepted but On Hold: 1
- # of Adjudications held: 0
- #of Appeals: 1
- # of cases in which Accused found guilty of ethical violations: 1

IV. Sanctions imposed

In the case of Dr. Michael T. Garrett, the ACA Appeals Committee decided to uphold the decision and the sanction of a lifetime expulsion imposed by of the ACA Ethics Committee.