<u>Matter of Amalfitano</u> Del. Supr. No. 465, 2001 (10/16/01)

Disciplinary Rules: DLRDP 16(a)(ii) and 16(a)(iii)

Sanctions Imposed: Disability Inactive Status

The ODC filed a verified petition for interim suspension of Christopher A. Amalfitano, pursuant to Rule 16 of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Disciplinary Procedure ("Procedural Rules"). The ODC petition on the grounds that, pursuant to Procedural Rules 16(a)(ii) and 16(a)(iii), interim suspension was warranted because the Respondent had been charged with alcohol-related criminal offenses and was in violation of the agreement he made with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel regarding abstinence from alcohol.

The Court found that Amalfitano posed a substantial threat of irreparable harm to his clients, his prospective clients, and the orderly administration of justice. Amalfitano was assigned immediately to disability inactive status, pursuant to Procedural Rule 19(c). Per the Order, Amalfitano is prohibited from practicing law in Delaware or in any other jurisdiction.