

MAINE

SHADED AREAS
CONFIDENTIAL

INTAKE
WRITTEN
OTHER SOURCES

DOCKET
A FORMAL
COMPLAINT

FACTS ALLEGED
ON FACE OF
COMPLAINT IF
TRUE WOULD BE
A VIOLATION
OF THE CODE

BAR COUNSEL
FILE, MAY BE
DISMISSED BY
BAR COUNSEL
W/ OR W/O
INVESTIGATION
RIGHT TO
REQUEST REVIEW
OF DISMISSAL
(REVIEW BY LAY
MEMBER OF BOARD
OR GC)

DISMISSAL
AFTER REVIEW
BY
3 MEMBER PANEL

2 ATTORNEYS
1 LAY PERSON

GRIEVANCE
COMMISSION

60-90
DAYS

PETITION
AUTHORIZED BY 3
PERSON REVIEW
PANEL; THEN

HEARD BY
HEARING PANEL
OF GRIEVANCE
COMMISSION
2 ATTORNEYS
1 LAY PERSON

DISMISSAL
WITH WARNING

PRIVATE AND
NOT DISCIPLINE
3 MEMBER PANEL
ATTORNEY MAY
REJECT +
ASK FOR PUBLIC
HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING

3 MEMBER
GRIEVANCE
PANEL

- 2 ATTORNEYS
- 1 LAY PERSON

PROBABLE CAUSE

DISMISSAL;
DISMISSAL WITH
WARNING (NOT
DISCIPLINE);
REPRIMAND; OR
RECOMMEND COURT
HEARING FOR
SUSPENSION/
DISBARMENT

HEARING

SINGLE JUSTICE
OF SUPREME COURT

DE NOVO

PREPONDERANCE OF
THE EVIDENCE
DISBARMENT;
SUSPENSION;
REPRIMAND; OR
DISMISSAL

APPEAL

MAINE
LAW COURT

7-1=6 MEMBERS
(ABSENT SINGLE
JUSTICE THAT
HEARD CASE)

BAR COUNSEL
2 ASSISTANT BAR COUNSEL
4,700 ATTORNEYS ADMITTED
450 COMPLAINTS