

# 'Stupid, Dumb and Fat' Comments Get Cleveland Lawyer Suspended

A Cleveland lawyer who has already paid a \$300,000 settlement to his former paralegal for insulting her has now been suspended from the practice of law for six months.

WKYC **reports** that the Ohio Board of Professional Conduct accused Howard Evan Skolnick, a lawyer since 1993, of violating professional conduct rules by "verbally harassing" the woman for more than two years. The board recommended a a six-month suspension to be held in abeyance.

But the Ohio Supreme Court issued a one-year suspension, with six months stayed on the condition that he engage in no further misconduct.

Reporter Phil Trexler wrote" "Court records show he called her "stupid, dumb, fat and `whorey'." He also lodged insults against the woman's husband and her mother. Records show Skolnick also sexually harassed the woman and a female co-worker by making a request for a sexual favor while inside a car."

**Read the WKYC article.**