



# TENNESSEE BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026	THIS QUARTER	YEAR-TO-DATE
Complaints Opened <sup>1</sup>	204	204
Complaints Closed	183	183
Probable Cause Found <sup>2</sup>	2	2
Formal Charges Filed	0	0
Complaints Pending on last day of Quarter	255	255
<b>DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS CLOSED</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling	54	54
Dismissed, no jurisdiction	39	39
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis	37	37
Dismissal with warning	6	6
Dismissal after full investigation	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement	0	0
Private reprimand	1	1
Public reprimand	0	0
Incomplete (no signature, no judge listed)	24	24
Other (SOL/repetitive)	22	22
Cease and desist order	0	0
Suspension	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>183</b>

<sup>1</sup>A single complaint naming several judges is counted as a separate complaint against each judge. A complaint whose allegations encompass more than one category is listed under the most serious category alleged. This Board came into existence on July 1, 2019.

<sup>2</sup>“Probable cause was found” means that Disciplinary Counsel and the investigative panel believe that there is evidence supporting the allegations against a judge and the investigative panel has authorized a full investigation pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-5-303 (c)(2).

NATURE OF COMPLAINTS FILED BY TYPE OF JUDGE	THIS QUARTER	YEAR-TO-DATE
<b>Failure to comply with law</b>		
Criminal	4	4
Circuit	9	9
Chancery	1	1
General Sessions	4	4
Juvenile	5	5
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	6	0
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Bias, prejudice and unfairness</b>		
Criminal	28	28
Circuit	28	28
Chancery	3	3
General Sessions	29	29
Juvenile	5	5
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	2	2
Probate	1	1
Appellate/Supreme Court	2	2
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	7	7
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>105</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Discourtesy</b>		
Criminal	1	1
Circuit	0	0
Chancery	0	0
General Sessions	2	2
Juvenile	0	0
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	0	0
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

Abuse of office		
Criminal	4	4
Circuit	4	4
Chancery	1	1
General Sessions	4	4
Juvenile	0	0
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	2	2
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
Delay		
Criminal	6	6
Circuit	2	2
Chancery	0	0
General Sessions	0	0
Juvenile	0	0
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	0	0
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
Ex parte communications		
Criminal	3	3
Circuit	2	2
Chancery	1	1
General Sessions	2	2
Juvenile	0	0
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	0	0
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>

Disability		
Criminal	0	0
Circuit	0	0
Chancery	0	0
General Sessions	15	15
Juvenile	2	2
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	0	0
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
Political violation		
Criminal	1	1
Circuit	0	0
Chancery	0	0
General Sessions	0	0
Juvenile	0	0
Magistrate	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	0	0
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Recusal		
Criminal	2	2
Circuit	3	3
Chancery	0	0
General Sessions	1	1
Juvenile	0	0
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	1	1
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

Miscellaneous (conflict of interest, perjury)		
Criminal	1	1
Circuit	2	2
Chancery	3	3
General Sessions	3	3
Juvenile	0	0
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	2	2
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>

MEMBER VOTING	D	FI	D (YTD)	FI (YTD)
Hon. Jeffrey Atherton	0	0	0	0
Hon. H. Allen Bray	31	0	31	0
Hon. Tony Childress	39	2	39	2
Hon. Valerie Smith	30	0	30	0
Rodney Brown	28	0	28	0
William Koch Jr.	29	0	29	0
Hon. Camille McMullen	28	2	28	2
Bishop Edward Stephens	29	0	29	0
C. Ashley Johnson	11	0	11	0
Terica Smith	29	2	29	2
Hon. John Whitworth	28	0	28	0
Robert Wilkinson	14	0	14	0
Hon. Andy Brigham	15	0	15	0
Kimberly Black	23	0	23	0
Jon C. Lundberg	32	0	32	0
Robert Schlafly	29	0	29	0

*D = Dismissals*

*FI = Full Investigations*

Respectfully submitted,



Chancellor Jeffrey Atherton, Board Chair

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