

BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT
 (For the period 7/1/15 through 9/30/15)
 Due 1/20/16

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The number of complaints OPENED¹ this quarter is 107. Year to date the number is 107.

The number of complaints CLOSED this quarter is 106. Year to date the number is 106.

The DISPOSITION of the complaints closed this quarter is:

		YTD (Year to Date)
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	72	72
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	1	1
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	28	28
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	1	1
Private reprimand -----	2	2
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	1	1
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	1	1
Cease and Desist Order-----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	0	0
TOTAL	106	106

The number of complaints PENDING on the last day of this quarter is 53.

The number of complaints for which PROBABLE CAUSE WAS FOUND² this quarter is 7.
 The number year to date is 7.

The number of complaints for which FORMAL CHARGES WERE FILED this quarter is 0.
 The number year to date is 0.

1. 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.
 2. "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. §17-5-304 (c)(3).

The NATURE of the complaints filed and the TYPE OF JUDGE according to the following categories is:

A) Failure to comply with the law:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	23	23
Circuit -----	15	15
Chancery -----	6	6
General Sessions -----	16	16
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee-----	3	3
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	1	1
Probate -----	1	1
Appellate Court -----	8	8
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	73	73 (Non-judge, deceased judge, judge from another state, etc.)

B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	1
Circuit -----	1	1
Chancery -----	1	1
General Sessions -----	3	3
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee-----	3	3
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	9	9

C) Discourtesy:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	1
Circuit -----	0	0
Chancery -----	1	1
General Sessions -----	0	0
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	2	2

D) Abuse of office:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	1
Circuit -----	0	0
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 Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	1	1

E) Delay:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	4	4
Circuit -----	2	2
Chancery -----	0	0
General Sessions -----	6	6
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	1	1
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	7	7

F) Ex parte communications:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	0
Circuit -----	0	0
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 Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	1	1

G) Disability:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	0
Circuit -----	0	0
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 Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

H) Political violation:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	0
Circuit -----	0	0
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 Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

I) Recusal:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	2	2
Circuit -----	4	4
Chancery -----	0	0
General Sessions -----	4	4
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee----	1	1
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	3	3
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	14	14

J) Miscellaneous:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	0
Circuit -----	0	0
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 Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	0

Member Voting

	D	FI	D	FI
	YTD			
Hon. Norma Ogle	13	0	13	0
Edward G. Phillips	12	1	12	1
Judge Kenny Armstrong	3	1	3	1
Miles Burdine	26	0	26	0
Judge Angelita Dalton	13	3	13	3
Judge Joe Fowlkes	17	3	17	3
Robert Gardner	18	3	18	3
Ronald Hickman	9	4	9	4
Chris Hodges	7	0	7	0
Thomas Lawless	16	0	16	0
Judge Christy Little	25	0	25	0
Judge Larry Logan	18	2	18	2
Judge Michael Sharp	16	0	16	0
Judge Dwight Stokes	8	1	8	1
Judge Dee Gay	11	3	11	3

D= Dismissals

FI= Full Investigations

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Craft', written in a cursive style.

CHRIS CRAFT, Board Chair
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