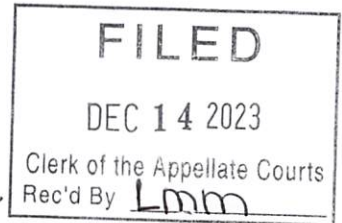


IN THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

IN RE: JUDGE A. MELISSA BOYD,  
CRIMINAL COURT,  
SHLEBY COUNTY

File No. B23-9542

M2023-01772-BJC-DIS-FC



**ORDER OF INTERIM SUSPENSION**

This matter is before the Board of Judicial Conduct (“Board”) upon notice from District Attorney General Pro Tem Fredrick H. Agee that on December 12, 2023, Judge A. Melissa Boyd, Criminal Court Judge for Shelby County, Tennessee, was indicted on one count of coercion of a witness, a Class D felony, under Tennessee Code Annotated section 39-16-507. In addition, Judge Boyd was indicted on one count of harassment, a Class C misdemeanor, under Tennessee Code Annotated section 39-17-308(a)(2).

Tennessee Code Annotated section 17-5-303(g) provides that upon the filing of an indictment, presentment, or information charging a judge with a felony under the law of any state or under federal law, the Board may immediately place the judge on interim suspension. In this instance, the Board has determined that the public interest and proper administration of justice warrants placing Judge Boyd on interim suspension until further orders of the Board.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that Judge Boyd is suspended effective immediately upon the filing of this order. During this term of suspension, Judge Boyd is prohibited from exercising any judicial power or authority, including, but not limited to, holding court, issuing subpoenas, setting or resetting cases, issuing warrants, setting or changing bonds, administering oaths, or issuing oral or written rulings in any matter. This suspension shall remain effective until further orders of the Board. This Order of Interim Suspension supplements but does not supplant the November 22, 2023, Order Extending Suspension in *In re: Judge A. Melissa Boyd*, No. M2023-00755-BJC-DIS-FC. That Order remains in full force and effect.

ENTERED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.



Judge G. Andrew Brigham  
Board Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Order has been mailed to the following:

Brian S. Faughnan  
Attorney for Judge A. Melissa Boyd  
Faughnan Law, PLLC  
5865 Ridgeway Center Parkway, Suite 300  
Memphis, TN 38120

on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.



Lisa Marsh  
Chief Deputy Clerk