BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT QUARTERLY REPORT

(For the period 4/1/2023 through 6/30/2023) Due 7/20/2023

The number of complaints OPENED¹ this quarter is 99. Year to date the number is 199.

The number of complaints CLOSED this quarter is 97. Year to date the number is 186.

The DISPOSITION of the complaints closed this quarter is:

| | YTD (Year to Date) |
|--|--------------------|
| Dismissed, complaint about court ruling 35 | 62 |
| Dismissed, no jurisdiction 7 | 15 |
| Dismissed, inadequate factual basis 45 | 81 |
| Dismissal with warning 0 | 0 |
| Dismissal after full investigation 0 | 0 |
| Deferred discipline agreement 0 | 0 |
| Private reprimand 0 | 1 |
| Public reprimand 1 | 2 |
| Other 9 | 25 |
| Retired complaint, no longer a judge0 | 0 |
| Cease and Desist Order 0 | 0 |
| Suspension 0 | 0 |
| Recommendation of removal from office 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL 97 | 186 |

The number of complaints PENDING on the last day of this quarter is 42.

The number of complaints for which PROBABLE CAUSE WAS FOUND² this quarter is 0. The number year to date is 3.

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. This Board came into existence on July 1, 2019. Therefore, there is no five-year statistical data to compare.

^{2. &}quot;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).

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

| A) Failure to comply with t | he law | : <u>YTD</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| Criminal | 8 | 25 |
| Circuit | 20 | 39 |
| Chancery | 1 | 4 |
| General Sessions | 13 | 27 |
| Juvenile | 4 | 8 |
| Magistrate and Referee | 8 | 13 |
| Municipal | 2 | 4 |
| Commissioner | 0 | 2 |
| Probate | 3 | 4 |
| Appellate Court | 1 | 1 |
| Senior and Retired | 2 | 4 |
| Other | 1_ | 2 (Non-judge, deceased judge, judge from another |
| TOTAL | 63 | 133 state, etc.) |

| B) Bias, prejudice and unfai | irness: | <u>YTD</u> |
|------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Criminal | 3 | 5 |
| Circuit | 2 | 3 |
| Chancery | 2 | 4 |
| General Sessions | 2 | 2 |
| Juvenile | 0 | 1 |
| Magistrate and Referee | 3 | 3 |
| Municipal | 2 | 2 |
| Commissioner | 0 | 0 |
| Probate | 0 | 3 |
| Appellate Court | 0 | 0 |
| Senior and Retired | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 14 | 23 |

| C) Discourtesy: | | <u>YTD</u> |
|------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Criminal | 0 | 4 |
| Circuit | | 5 |
| Chancery | 1 | 1 |
| General Sessions | 3 | 5 |
| Juvenile | 1 | 1 |
| Magistrate and Referee | 1 | 1 |
| Municipal | 1 | 2 |
| Commissioner | 0 | 0 |
| Probate | 0 | 0 |
| Appellate Court | 0 | 0 |
| Senior and Retired | 0 | 0 |
| Other | _0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 9 | 19 |
| D) Abuse of office: | | YTD |
| 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: | | YTD |
| Criminal | 0 | 0 |
| Circuit | 3 | 5 |
| Chancery | 0 | 0 |
| General Sessions | 2 | 4 |
| 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 | $\overset{\circ}{0}$ |
| Other | Ŏ | 0 |
| TOTAL | <u> </u> | 9 |
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| E) Eu nauta communication | • | VTD |
|---------------------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| F) Ex parte communication Criminal | 0 | 1111 |
| Circuit | 0 | 0 |
| | · | 0 |
| Chancery | 0 | 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 | | 0 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 1 |
| | | |
| | | |
| G) Disability: | | $\underline{\text{YTD}}$ |
| 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 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 0 |
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| I) Recusal: | | <u>YTD</u> |
|------------------------|---|------------|
| Criminal | 4 | 5 |
| Circuit | 0 | 0 |
| Chancery | 1 | 3 |
| General Sessions | 2 | 3 |
| Juvenile | 0 | 1 |
| 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 | 7 | 12 |
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| J) Miscellaneous: | | YTD |
|------------------------|---|-----|
| 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 |

Member Voting

| | D | FI | D(YTD) | FI(YTD) |
|------------------------|----|----|--------|---------|
| Hon. Jeffrey Atherton | 10 | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| Hon. H. Allen Bray | 23 | 0 | 36 | 0 |
| Hon. Andrew Brigham | 10 | 0 | 29 | 0 |
| Hon. Valerie Smith | 23 | 0 | 36 | 0 |
| Edwena Crowe | 23 | 0 | 35 | 0 |
| Rodney Brown | 12 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| William Koch Jr | 27 | 0 | 43 | 3 |
| Hon. Camille McMullen | 17 | 0 | 28 | 0 |
| Bishop Edward Stephens | 12 | 0 | 19 | 0 |
| Benjamin Purser Jr | 27 | 0 | 43 | 3 |
| C. Ashley Johnson | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Dan Springer | 27 | 0 | 43 | 3 |
| Terica Smith | 17 | 0 | 28 | 0 |
| Hon. John Whitworth | 17 | 0 | 28 | 0 |
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| Probate | 0 | 0 |
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| TOTAL | 0 | |
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| Criminal | 0 | 0 |
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