

**BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021**

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The number and category of complaints OPENED¹:

	<u>THIS MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	
A) Failure to comply with law: -----	19	221	
B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness: -----	5	59	
C) Discourtesy: -----	2	12	
D) Abuse of office: -----	0	21	
E) Delay: -----	1	13	
F) Ex parte communications: -----	0	3	
G) Disability: -----	0	0	
H) Political violation: -----	0	3	
I) Recusal: -----	1	9	
J) Miscellaneous: -----	3	<u>9</u>	
TOTAL ² :	31	350	

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The number and category of complaints CLOSED:

	<u>THIS MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	
A) Failure to comply with law: -----	15	213	
B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness: -----	0	52	
C) Discourtesy: -----	0	13	
D) Abuse of office: -----	0	23	
E) Delay: -----	1	13	
F) Ex parte communications: -----	0	3	
G) Disability: -----	0	0	
H) Political violation: -----	0	1	
I) Recusal: -----	0	7	
J) Miscellaneous: -----	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	
TOTAL	19	333	

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. On March 13, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court declared a state of Emergency for the Judicial Branch of Tennessee government and suspended in-person court proceedings, with certain exceptions through March 31, 2020. *See In re: Covid-19 Pandemic*, No. ADM2020-00428 (Tenn. 2020). On March 25, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court continued the suspension of in-court proceedings through April 30, 2020. *Id.* On April 24, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court modified the prior suspension of in-person proceedings. *See In re: Covid-19 Pandemic*, No. ADM2020-00428 (Tenn. April 24, 2020).

2. Out of the 31 total complaints filed, 48% were filed by inmates. Similarly, out of the 31 complaints, 90% were filed by the party that lost in the underlying proceeding.

DISPOSITION of the complaints closed by CATEGORY:

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
A) Failure to comply with law		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	7	133
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	1
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	8	60
Dismissal with warning -----	0	1
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	2
Public reprimand -----	0	1
Other -----	0	15
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	15	213

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B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	20
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	26
Dismissal with warning -----	0	2
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Other -----	0	4
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	52

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C) Discourtesy:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	4
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	6
Dismissal with warning -----	0	2
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	1
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	13

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D) Abuse of office:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	5
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	13
Dismissal with warning -----	0	2
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	1
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Other -----	0	2
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office ---	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	23

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E) Delay:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	3
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	1	7
Dismissal with warning -----	0	1
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	1
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Other -----	0	1
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	1	13

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F) <i>Ex parte</i> communications:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	1
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	2
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	3

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G) Disability:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	0
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	0

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H) Political violation:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	0
Dismissal with warning -----	0	1
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	1

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I) Recusal:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	4
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	3
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	<u>7</u>

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J) Miscellaneous:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	3
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	1
Other -----	0	1
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	3	3
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	3	<u>8</u>