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October 13, 2014

Dear Chief Clerks:

Please find enclosed the statistical report of the Board of Judicial Conduct covering filings and dispositions for the month of September, 2014, as mandated by Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-5-207.

Sincerely,

CHRIS CRAFT  
Board Chair

CC/bep

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**BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT  
MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2014**

<b>FILED</b>
<b>OCT 16 2014</b>
Clerk of the Courts Rec'd By _____

The number and category of complaints OPENED<sup>1</sup>:

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
A) Failure to comply with law: -----	20	68
B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness: -----	5	5
C) Discourtesy: -----	1	3
D) Abuse of office: -----	0	5
E) Delay: -----	0	3
F) Ex parte communications: -----	1	3
G) Disability: -----	1	2
H) Political violation: -----	2	8
I) Recusal: -----	1	5
J) Miscellaneous: -----	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>103</b>

The number and category of complaints CLOSED:

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
A) Failure to comply with law: -----	16	70
B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness: -----	2	4
C) Discourtesy: -----	2	3
D) Abuse of office: -----	5	9
E) Delay: -----	1	4
F) Ex parte communications: -----	0	5
G) Disability: -----	2	3
H) Political violation: -----	1	7
I) Recusal: -----	2	6
J) Miscellaneous: -----	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>112</b>

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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.

DISPOSITION of the complaints closed by CATEGORY:

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>A) Failure to comply with law:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	15	62
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	2
Dismissal with warning -----	0	3
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	1	3
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	16	70

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	2	4
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	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	2	4

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>C) Discourtesy:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	1	2
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	1	1
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	2	3

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>D) Abuse of office:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	2	5
Dismissal with warning -----	2	2
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	1	2
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	5	9

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>E) Delay:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	1	3
Dismissal with warning -----	0	1
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	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	1	4

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>F) Ex parte communications:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	2
Dismissal with warning -----	0	1
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	2
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	5

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>G) Disability:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	1	2
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	1	1
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	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	2	3

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>H) Political violation:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	3
Dismissal with warning -----	1	1
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	3
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	1	7

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>I) Recusal:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	2	4
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	2
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	2	6

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>J) Miscellaneous:</b>		
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	1
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	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