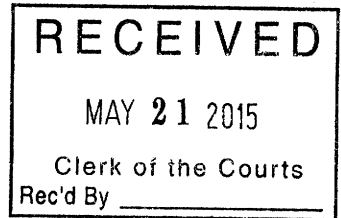




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Dear Chief Clerks:

Please find enclosed the statistical report of the Board of Judicial Conduct covering filings and dispositions for the month of April, 2015, as mandated by Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-5-207(a).

Please also find enclosed the Quarterly Report for the third quarter of this fiscal year, as mandated by Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-5-207(b). Although it is not due until June 20, 2015, we have completed the tally and felt you should have it as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

CHRIS CRAFT  
Board Chair

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**BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT**  
(For the period 1/1/15 through 03/31/15)  
Due 6/20/15

The number of complaints OPENED<sup>1</sup> this quarter is 82. Year to date the number is 277.

The number of complaints CLOSED this quarter is 89. Year to date the number is 306.

The DISPOSITION of the complaints closed this quarter is:

	YTD (Year to Date)
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	51
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	9
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	19
Dismissal with warning -----	6
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0
Private reprimand -----	2
Private censure -----	0
Public reprimand -----	1
Public censure -----	1
Other -----	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0
Cease and Desist Order-----	0
Suspension -----	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89</b>
	<b>170</b>
	<b>16</b>
	<b>75</b>
	<b>17</b>
	<b>1</b>
	<b>1</b>
	<b>2</b>
	<b>0</b>
	<b>2</b>
	<b>2</b>
	<b>4</b>
	<b>15</b>
	<b>1</b>
	<b>0</b>
	<b>0</b>
	<b>0</b>
	<b>306</b>

The number of complaints PENDING on the last day of this quarter is 38.

The number of complaints for which PROBABLE CAUSE WAS FOUND<sup>2</sup> this quarter is 2.  
The number year to date is 11.

The number of complaints for which FORMAL CHARGES WERE FILED this quarter is 1.  
The number year to date is 1.

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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.  
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:

<b>A) Failure to comply with the law:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	26	59
Circuit -----	13	48
Chancery -----	3	10
General Sessions -----	8	42
Juvenile -----	2	5
Magistrate and Referee-----	1	9
Municipal -----	0	1
Commissioner -----	0	4
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	1
Senior and Retired -----	0	1
Other -----	3	6
		6 (Non-judge, deceased judge, judge from another
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>186</b> state, etc.)

<b>B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	4	6
Circuit -----	3	7
Chancery -----	0	0
General Sessions -----	2	6
Juvenile -----	0	1
Magistrate and Referee-----	2	2
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>

<b>C) Discourtesy:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	2
Circuit -----	0	0
Chancery -----	0	0
General Sessions -----	0	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	0
Other -----	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

<b>D) Abuse of office:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	1
Circuit -----	1	6
Chancery -----	0	0
General Sessions -----	2	8
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	1
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	1	1
TOTAL	4	17

<b>E) Delay:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	12
Circuit -----	1	2
Chancery -----	1	1
General Sessions -----	1	1
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0
Municipal -----	0	1
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	4	17

<b>F) Ex parte communications:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	1
Circuit -----	1	4
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	5

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

<b>H) Political violation:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	1
Circuit -----	0	0
Chancery -----	0	1
General Sessions -----	0	3
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee----	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	2
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	1
TOTAL	0	8

<b>I) Recusal:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	1
Circuit -----	2	2
Chancery -----	0	3
General Sessions -----	2	4
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee----	1	1
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	1	1
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	1
TOTAL	6	13

<b>J) Miscellaneous:</b>		<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>1</u>
TOTAL	0	1

## Member Voting

	D	FI	YTD D	FI
Miles Burdine	18	0	52	0
Judge Angelita Dalton	17	0	47	1
Judge Joe Fowlkes	7	0	35	0
Robert Gardner	14	0	45	1
Ronald Hickman	19	1	62	5
Chris Hodges	13	1	43	1
Thomas Lawless	5	0	27	0
Judge Christy Little	26	2	86	6
Judge Larry Logan	17	1	76	8
Judge Michael Sharp	13	1	44	1
Judge Dwight Stokes	15	2	60	4
David Wedekind	27	2	65	6
Judge Dee Gay	3		3	

D= Dismissals

FI= Full Investigations

Respectfully submitted,



CHRIS CRAFT, Board Chair  
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