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Dear Chief Clerks:

Please find enclosed the Quarterly Report for the second quarter of this fiscal year, as mandated by Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-5-207(b).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Craft".
CHRIS CRAFT
Board Chair

BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT
 (For the period 10/1/17 through 12/31/17)
 Due 3/20/18

FILED
 MAR 26 2018
 Clerk of the Appellate Courts
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The number of complaints OPENED¹ this quarter is 87. Year to date the number is 240.

The number of complaints CLOSED this quarter is 88. Year to date the number is 215.

The DISPOSITION of the complaints closed this quarter is:

		YTD (Year to Date)
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	60	157
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	5	16
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	15	31
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 -----	5	5
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	3	3
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Cease and Desist Order-----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	0	0
TOTAL	88	215

The number of complaints PENDING on the last day of this quarter is 51.

The number of complaints for which PROBABLE CAUSE WAS FOUND² this quarter is 4.
 The number year to date is 5.

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.
 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:

A) Failure to comply with the law:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	23	64
Circuit -----	11	33
Chancery -----	1	6
General Sessions -----	23	71
Juvenile -----	3	6
Magistrate and Referee-----	2	3
Municipal -----	0	1
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	8
Senior and Retired -----	2	4
Other -----	2	3
TOTAL	67	199 (Non-judge, deceased judge, judge from another state, etc.)

B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	2	3
Circuit -----	4	5
Chancery -----	2	2
General Sessions -----	5	6
Juvenile -----	0	1
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	1
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	1	1
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	14	19

C) Discourtesy:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	2
Circuit -----	0	0
Chancery -----	0	0
General Sessions -----	1	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	2	4

D) Abuse of office:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	0
Circuit -----	0	0
Chancery -----	0	0
General Sessions -----	0	1
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	1

E) Delay:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	4
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	2	8

F) <i>Ex parte</i> communications:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	0
Circuit -----	0	0
Chancery -----	0	0
General Sessions -----	0	0
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	1

G) Disability:		<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	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	0
TOTAL	0	0

I) Recusal:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	3
Circuit -----	0	2
Chancery -----	0	1
General Sessions -----	1	2
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	2	8

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

Member Voting

	D	FI	D	FI
	YTD			
Hon. Norma Ogle	8	0	32	0
Edward G. Phillips	13	0	32	0
Judge Kenny Armstrong	29	1	47	2
Miles Burdine	16	3	47	3
Judge Angelita Dalton	2	0	21	0
Judge Joe Fowlkes	9	0	24	0
Robert Gardner	22	4	48	4
Ronald Hickman	27	0	49	1
Chris Hodges	12	1	28	1
Thomas Lawless	4	0	26	0
Judge Christy Little	23	3	54	3
Judge Larry Logan	12	0	33	0
Judge Michael Sharp	6	0	27	0
Judge Dwight Stokes	29	0	50	1
Judge Dee Gay	10	0	23	0

D= Dismissals

FI= Full Investigations

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Craft". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and the last name "Craft" clearly distinguishable.

CHRIS CRAFT, Board Chair
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