

BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
QUARTERLY REPORT
(For the period 10/1/2023 through 12/31/2023)
Due 1/20/2024

The number of complaints OPENED¹ this quarter is 103. Year to date the number is 406.

The number of complaints CLOSED this quarter is 97. Year to date the number is 380.

The DISPOSITION of the complaints closed this quarter is:

		YTD (Year to Date)
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	32	127
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	2	20
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	43	161
Dismissal with warning -----	1	5
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	2
Public reprimand -----	3	10
Other -----	16	55
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	97	380

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

The number of complaints for which PROBABLE CAUSE WAS FOUND² this quarter is 5.

The number year to date is 12.

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.“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 the law:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	10	58
Circuit -----	9	50
Chancery -----	5	18
General Sessions -----	11	66
Juvenile -----	4	17
Magistrate and Referee-----	5	16
Municipal -----	3	4
Commissioner -----	2	2
Probate -----	0	3
Appellate Court -----	9	9
Senior and Retired -----	2	3
Other -----	0	0 (Non-judge, deceased judge, judge from another
TOTAL	60	246 state, etc.)

B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	3	14
Circuit -----	3	13
Chancery -----	1	5
General Sessions -----	2	7
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee-----	1	3
Municipal -----	0	1
Commissioner -----	0	1
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	2
TOTAL	10	46

C) Discourtesy:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	14
Circuit -----	2	4
Chancery -----	2	2
General Sessions -----	1	8
Juvenile -----	0	4
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0
Municipal -----	1	1
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	2	2
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	9	35

D) Abuse of office:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	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 -----	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	1

E) Delay:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	5	11
Circuit -----	5	9
Chancery -----	1	1
General Sessions -----	0	1
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	2
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	11	24

F) <i>Ex parte</i> communications:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	1
Circuit -----	1	2
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 -----	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	2	4

G) Disability:		<u>YTD</u>
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 -----	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	1	1

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 -----	2	2
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	2	2

I) Recusal:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	4
Circuit -----	1	3
Chancery -----	0	3
General Sessions -----	1	5
Juvenile -----	0	2
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	2
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	1
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	2	20

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 -----	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

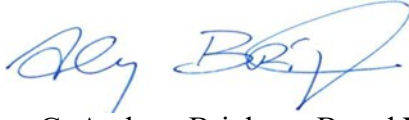
Member Voting

	D	FI	D(YTD)	FI(YTD)
Hon. Jeffrey Atherton	9	3	36	4
Hon. H. Allen Bray	20	1	76	2
Hon. Tony Childress	17	1	26	1
Hon. Valerie Smith	20	1	76	2
Edwena Crowe	20	1	76	2
Rodney Brown	12	0	37	1
William Koch Jr	11	1	80	5
Hon. Camille McMullen	17	1	55	1
Bishop Edward Stephens	12	0	38	1
Benjamin Purser Jr	11	1	80	5
C. Ashley Johnson	9	3	19	3
Dan Springer	11	1	80	5
Terica Smith	17	1	55	1
Hon. John Whitworth	12	0	44	1
Robert Wilkinson	9	3	36	4

D= Dismissals

FI= Full Investigations

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Andrew Brigham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "G." and last name "Brigham" clearly distinguishable.

G. Andrew Brigham, Board Vice-Chair
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