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**BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT**  
(For the period 01/01/17 through 03/31/17)  
Due 6/20/17

**FILED**  
JUN 22 2017  
Clerk of the Courts  
Rec'd By \_\_\_\_\_

The number of complaints OPENED<sup>1</sup> this quarter is 104. Year to date the number is 310.

The number of complaints CLOSED this quarter is 119. Year to date the number is 328.

The DISPOSITION of the complaints closed this quarter is:

	YTD (Year to Date)
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	74 214
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	6 11
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	18 69
Dismissal with warning -----	2 8
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0 0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	16 18
Private reprimand -----	2 5
Private censure -----	0 0
Public reprimand -----	0 1
Public censure -----	0 0
Other -----	0 1
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	1 1
Cease and Desist Order-----	0 0
Suspension -----	0 0
Recommendation of removal from office --	0 0
TOTAL	119 328

The number of complaints PENDING on the last day of this quarter is 35.

The number of complaints for which PROBABLE CAUSE WAS FOUND<sup>2</sup> this quarter is 2.  
The number year to date is 9.

The number of complaints for which FORMAL CHARGES WERE FILED this quarter is 0.  
The number year to date is 0.

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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 -----	30	72
Circuit -----	17	57
Chancery -----	8	18
General Sessions -----	20	60
Juvenile -----	2	4
Magistrate and Referee-----	3	6
Municipal -----	3	7
Commissioner -----	0	4
Probate -----	0	2
Appellate Court -----	9	12
Senior and Retired -----	0	1
Other -----	2	3
		(Non-judge, deceased judge, judge from another state, etc.)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>246</b>

<b>B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	3
Circuit -----	1	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>

<b>C) Discourtesy:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	2
Circuit -----	0	2
Chancery -----	0	0
General Sessions -----	0	5
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>D) Abuse of office:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	0
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
TOTAL	0	4

<b>E) Delay:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	8
Circuit -----	2	7
Chancery -----	0	2
General Sessions -----	1	3
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	3	21

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

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

<b>H) Political violation:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	0
Circuit -----	0	0
Chancery -----	1	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 -----	0	0
TOTAL	1	1

<b>I) Recusal:</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	0	2
Circuit -----	0	3
Chancery -----	1	1
General Sessions -----	0	2
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee----	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	4
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	1
Senior and Retired -----	0	1
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	1	14

<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	D	FI
	YTD			
Hon. Norma Ogle	9	0	38	0
Edward G. Phillips	16	1	64	2
Judge Kenny Armstrong	15	1	52	6
Miles Burdine	18	0	59	0
Judge Angelita Dalton	13	1	53	1
Judge Joe Fowlkes	8	0	29	0
Robert Gardner	16	1	55	3
Ronald Hickman	15	1	50	4
Chris Hodges	10	2	44	2
Thomas Lawless	7	0	17	0
Judge Christy Little	21	1	70	1
Judge Larry Logan	13	1	45	1
Judge Michael Sharp	12	0	46	0
Judge Dwight Stokes	15	1	47	3
Judge Dee Gay	11	1	51	1

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 a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

CHRIS CRAFT, Board Chair  
BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT