

BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
QUARTERLY REPORT
(For the period 7/1/2025 through 9/30/2025)

The number of complaints OPENED¹ this quarter is 204. Year to date the number is 556.

The number of complaints CLOSED this quarter is 157. Year to date the number is 457.

The DISPOSITION of the complaints closed this quarter is:

	QRT	YTD	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	53	173	176	199	141	164	247
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	17	27	0	4	43	10	26
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	46	153	119	147	145	186	210
Dismissal with warning -----	1	3	11	12	5	10	7
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	1	3	1	0	2	2
Private reprimand -----	0	1	5	3	2	2	2
Public reprimand -----	0	0	3	4	6	17	1
Incomplete	14	26					12
Other -----	26	73	30	8	36	58	114
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Cease and Desist Order-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0	0	2	1	2	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
TOTAL	157	457	347	382	379	454	621

The number of complaints PENDING on the last day of this quarter is 175.

The number of complaints for which PROBABLE CAUSE WAS FOUND² this quarter is 1.
The number year to date is 3.

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.

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>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>
Criminal -----	26	37	45	67	44	51	45
Circuit -----	15	23	50	51	77	68	23
Chancery -----	8	8	23	18	9	32	7
General Sessions -----	13	23	48	78	61	74	33
Juvenile -----	1	10	7	19	14	15	21
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0	6	5	24	19	4
Municipal -----	1	3	1	5	10	6	2
Commissioner -----	0	0	2	10	3	5	1
Probate -----	1	2	4	3	5	2	1
Appellate and Supreme --	0	1	3	10	7	18	1
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	7	8	12	5	2
Other(Non-judge, deceased, etc.)-----	7	7	10	2	2	1	4
TOTAL	72	114	206	276	268	296	144

B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:		<u>YTD</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>
Criminal -----	7	53	16	14	11	21	86
Circuit -----	26	67	14	19	8	18	69
Chancery -----	6	18	6	4	6	5	24
General Sessions -----	22	77	10	19	8	15	103
Juvenile -----	6	23	0	5	3	4	31
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	3	2	3	5	6	3
Municipal -----	1	8	1	5	3	0	13
Commissioner -----	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	1	9	0	0	3	0	8
Appellate and Supreme --	1	8	0	0	0	6	14
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	1	1	0	2	0
Other -----	1	6	2	0	0	1	5
TOTAL	71	272	53	70	47	78	356

C) Discourtesy:		<u>YTD</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>
Criminal -----	4	8	1	2	6	6	6
Circuit -----	0	1	2	4	7	9	6
Chancery -----	0	2	0	2	2	6	3
General Sessions -----	1	6	12	8	7	11	7
Juvenile -----	0	0	2	2	1	7	1
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0	2	0	1	2	0
Municipal -----	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Probate -----	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Appellate and Supreme	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other -----	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	17	20	20	26	44	25

D) Abuse of office:		<u>YTD</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>
Criminal -----	3	7	1	2	1	1	5
Circuit -----	5	10	9	3	0	0	9
Chancery -----	3	7	1	0	0	0	5
General Sessions -----	1	6	10	2	0	0	7
Juvenile -----	3	6	0	0	0	0	7
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Municipal -----	0	3	1	0	0	0	3
Commissioner -----	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appellate and Supreme --	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Other -----	4	5	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	20	46	24	7	1	1	39

E) Delay:		<u>YTD</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>
Criminal -----	7	27	11	5	1	13	22
Circuit -----	1	7	2	2	5	8	7
Chancery -----	0	4	1	0	0	1	6
General Sessions -----	2	4	3	0	5	5	3
Juvenile -----	1	3	0	0	0	0	3
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Municipal -----	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Appellate and Supreme --	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other -----	2	3	1	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	13	49	18	9	11	27	45

F) <i>Ex parte</i> communications:		<u>YTD</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>
Criminal -----	0	2	4	2	0	2	2
Circuit -----	1	4	0	1	4	4	5
Chancery -----	3	4	2	3	1	0	4
General Sessions -----	0	5	1	1	1	0	7
Juvenile -----	0	4	0	0	0	1	4
Magistrate and Referee----	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Appellate and Supreme --	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	19	9	7	6	7	23

G) Disability:		<u>YTD</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>
Criminal -----	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Circuit -----	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Chancery -----	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
General Sessions -----	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Juvenile -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Magistrate and Referee----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appellate and Supreme --	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	3	3	0	3	0

H) Political violation:		<u>YTD</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>
Criminal -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Circuit -----	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Chancery -----	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
General Sessions -----	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Juvenile -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Magistrate and Referee----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appellate and Supreme --	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (Candidate)-----	0	0	1	11	3	1	0
TOTAL	0	0	2	14	5	7	0

I) Recusal:		<u>YTD</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>
Criminal -----	0	1	5	1	5	4	2
Circuit -----	1	1	0	3	2	12	4
Chancery -----	1	4	0	0	3	3	3
General Sessions -----	0	1	2	5	4	9	2
Juvenile -----	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Magistrate and Referee----	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Appellate and Supreme --	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
Other -----	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	8	9	9	16	37	12

J) Miscellaneous:		<u>YTD</u>	<u>FY 20-21</u>	<u>FY 21-22</u>	<u>FY 22-23</u>	<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>
Criminal -----	2	6	0	1	0	0	5
Circuit -----	1	3	1	0	0	1	4
Chancery -----	2	3	0	0	0	0	2
General Sessions -----	5	9	0	2	0	0	5
Juvenile -----	1	4	0	0	0	0	4
Magistrate and Referee----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appellate and Supreme --	4	4	0	0	0	0	1
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Other -----	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	16	30	2	6	0	1	23

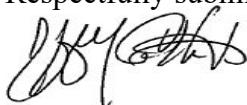
Member Voting

	D (quarter)	FI (quarter)	D (YTD)	FI (YTD)
Hon. Jeffrey Atherton	12	0	58	0
Hon. H. Allen Bray	32	0	90	0
Hon. Tony Childress	64	0	180	1
Hon. Valerie Smith	31	0	89	0
Edwena Crowe	0	0	0	0
Rodney Brown	28	1	82	2
William Koch Jr	19	0	82	0
Hon. Camille McMullen	29	0	85	1
Bishop Edward Stephens	28	1	81	2
Benjamin Purser Jr	19	0	83	0
C. Ashley Johnson	34	0	80	0
Dan Springer	23	0	89	0
Terica Smith	31	0	89	1
Hon. John Whitworth	27	1	80	2
Robert Wilkinson	33	0	79	0
Hon. Andy Brigham	23	0	24	0

D= Dismissals

FI= Full Investigations

Respectfully submitted,



Chancellor Jeffrey Atherton, Board Chair
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