



TENNESSEE BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT QUARTERLY REPORT

April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026	THIS QUARTER	YEAR-TO-DATE
Complaints Opened ¹	271	475
Complaints Closed	267	450
Probable Cause Found ²	3	5
Formal Charges Filed	0	0
Complaints Pending on last day of Quarter	259	259
DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS CLOSED		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling	80	133
Dismissed, no jurisdiction	46	85
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis	92	129
Dismissal with warning	3	10
Dismissal after full investigation	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement	0	0
Private reprimand	1	2
Public reprimand	0	0
Incomplete (no signature, no judge listed)	14	38
Other (SOL/repetitive)	31	53
Cease and desist order	0	0
Suspension	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office	0	0
TOTAL	267	450

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NATURE OF COMPLAINTS FILED BY TYPE OF JUDGE	THIS QUARTER	YEAR-TO-DATE
Failure to comply with law		
Criminal	7	11
Circuit	6	15
Chancery	1	2
General Sessions	2	6
Juvenile	4	9
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	1	1
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	3	3
<u>TOTAL</u>	24	47
Bias, prejudice and unfairness		
Criminal	20	48
Circuit	27	55
Chancery	6	9
General Sessions	21	50
Juvenile	12	17
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	3	3
Commissioner	0	2
Probate	0	1
Appellate/Supreme Court	2	4
Senior and Retired	1	1
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	33	40
<u>TOTAL</u>	125	230
Discourtesy		
Criminal	0	1
Circuit	0	0
Chancery	1	1
General Sessions	3	5
Juvenile	2	2
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	2	2
Commissioner	1	1
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	0	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	9	12

Abuse of office		
Criminal	7	11
Circuit	3	7
Chancery	0	1
General Sessions	3	7
Juvenile	3	3
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	1	1
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	6	8
<u>TOTAL</u>	23	38
Delay		
Criminal	4	10
Circuit	5	7
Chancery	0	0
General Sessions	0	0
Juvenile	2	2
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	12	20
Ex parte communications		
Criminal	3	6
Circuit	1	3
Chancery	0	1
General Sessions	0	2
Juvenile	0	0
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	5	13

Disability		
Criminal	0	0
Circuit	0	0
Chancery	0	0
General Sessions	0	15
Juvenile	0	2
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	0	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	0	17
Political violation		
Criminal	1	2
Circuit	1	1
Chancery	0	0
General Sessions	7	7
Juvenile	0	0
Magistrate	0	0
Municipal	0	0
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	0	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	9	10
Recusal		
Criminal	0	2
Circuit	0	3
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/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	0	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	0	7

Miscellaneous (conflict of interest, perjury)		
Criminal	1	2
Circuit	7	9
Chancery	0	3
General Sessions	4	7
Juvenile	2	2
Magistrate and Referee	0	0
Municipal	2	4
Commissioner	0	0
Probate	0	0
Appellate/Supreme Court	0	0
Senior and Retired	0	0
Other (non-judge, deceased judge, out-of-state judge)	48	48
TOTAL	64	75

MEMBER VOTING	D	FI	D (YTD)	FI (YTD)
Hon. Jeffrey Atherton	0	0	0	0
Hon. H. Allen Bray	25	0	56	0
Hon. Tony Childress	45	0	84	2
Hon. Valerie Smith	40	0	70	0
Rodney Brown	23	3	51	3
William Koch Jr.	24	0	52	0
Hon. Camille McMullen	21	0	49	2
Bishop Edward Stephens	27	0	29	0
C. Ashley Johnson	10	0	21	0
Terica Smith	21	0	50	2
Hon. John Whitworth	19	2	47	2
Robert Wilkinson	20	0	34	0
Hon. Andy Brigham	28	2	43	2
Kimberly Black	22	1	45	1
Jon C. Lundberg	38	0	70	0
Robert Schlafly	30	0	59	0

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Respectfully submitted,

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Magistrate	0	0
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