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BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT
(For the period 4/1/15 through 6/30/15)
Due 9/20/15

The number of complaints OPENED¹ this quarter is 112. Year to date the number is 389.

The number of complaints CLOSED this quarter is 98. Year to date the number is 404.

The DISPOSITION of the complaints closed this quarter is:

	YTD	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	58	228	209
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	7	23	15
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	30	105	99
Dismissal with warning -----	2	19	11
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	1	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	1	1
Private reprimand -----	1	3	8
Private censure -----	0	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	2	5
Public censure -----	0	2	1
Other -----	0	4	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	15	1
Cease and Desist Order-----	0	1	0
Suspension -----	0	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	0	0	0
TOTAL	98	404	350
			411

The number of complaints PENDING on the last day of this quarter is 52.

The number of complaints for which PROBABLE CAUSE WAS FOUND² this quarter is 1.
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 1.

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:

			FY	FY
		YTD	2012-2013	2013-2014
A) Failure to comply with the law:				
Criminal -----	16	75	74	77
Circuit -----	22	70	50	65
Chancery -----	6	16	21	18
General Sessions -----	15	57	63	72
Juvenile -----	0	5	5	4
Magistrate and Referee-----	5	14	17	16
Municipal -----	3	4	5	8
Commissioner -----	5	9	3	1
Probate -----	0	0	1	0
Appellate Court -----	1	2	1	13
Senior and Retired -----	0	1	3	5
Other -----	5	11	8	4
TOTAL	78	264	253	283

		YTD	2012-2013	2013-2014
B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:				
Criminal -----	2	8	6	6
Circuit -----	3	10	6	1
Chancery -----	0	0	4	0
General Sessions -----	8	14	10	3
Juvenile -----	2	3	3	0
Magistrate and Referee-----	1	3	4	0
Municipal -----	0	0	0	1
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0
Other -----	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	38	33	11

		YTD	2012-2013	2013-2014
C) Discourtesy:				
Criminal -----	0	2	4	3
Circuit -----	0	0	3	0
Chancery -----	0	0	0	0
General Sessions -----	0	4	4	4
Juvenile -----	0	0	0	0
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0	3	0
Municipal -----	0	0	2	0
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	1	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0
Other -----	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	6	17	7

D) Abuse of office:	<u>YTD</u>	2012-2013	2013-2014	
Criminal -----	0	1	0	4
Circuit -----	1	7	5	1
Chancery -----	0	0	0	2
General Sessions -----	1	9	9	12
Juvenile -----	0	0	0	0
Magistrate and Referee----	0	0	1	4
Municipal -----	0	0	0	2
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	2
Probate -----	0	0	0	0
Appellate Court -----	1	2	1	3
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	1	0
Other -----	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	3	20	17	30

E) Delay:	<u>YTD</u>	2012-2013	2013-2014	
Criminal -----	4	16	9	11
Circuit -----	1	3	2	12
Chancery -----	0	1	1	1
General Sessions -----	1	2	4	10
Juvenile -----	0	0	0	0
Magistrate and Referee----	0	0	0	0
Municipal -----	0	1	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	1	1	0	1
Appellate Court -----	1	1	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0
Other -----	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	7	25	16	35

F) Ex parte communications:	<u>YTD</u>	2012-2013	2013-2014	
Criminal -----	0	1	1	0
Circuit -----	0	4	0	2
Chancery -----	0	0	1	2
General Sessions -----	0	0	5	2
Juvenile -----	0	0	0	0
Magistrate and Referee----	0	1	2	1
Municipal -----	0	0	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0
Other -----	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	0	6	10	7

G) Disability:		<u>YTD</u>	2012-2013	2013-2014
Criminal -----	1	1	2	0
Circuit -----	0	0	0	3
Chancery -----	0	0	0	0
General Sessions -----	2	3	1	1
Juvenile -----	0	0	0	0
Magistrate and Referee----	0	1	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0	1	0
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0
Other -----	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	5	4	4

H) Political violation:		<u>YTD</u>	2012-2013	2013-2014
Criminal -----	0	1	0	0
Circuit -----	0	0	1	3
Chancery -----	0	1	2	0
General Sessions -----	0	3	0	5
Juvenile -----	0	0	0	1
Magistrate and Referee----	0	0	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0	1	1
Commissioner -----	0	0	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	2	0	5
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0
Other -----	0	1	1	9
TOTAL	0	8	5	24

I) Recusal:		<u>YTD</u>	2012-2013	2013-2014
Criminal -----	2	3	3	3
Circuit -----	0	2	3	3
Chancery -----	1	4	2	0
General Sessions -----	1	5	10	9
Juvenile -----	0	0	0	1
Magistrate and Referee----	0	1	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0	0	0
Commissioner -----	1	1	0	0
Probate -----	0	0	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	1	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0	0	0
Other -----	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	5	18	18	16

J) Miscellaneous:	<u>YTD</u>	2012-2013	2013-2014
Criminal ----- 0	0	0	1
Circuit ----- 0	0	1	2
Chancery ----- 0	0	0	0
General Sessions ----- 0	0	0	3
Juvenile ----- 0	0	0	0
Magistrate and Referee----- 0	0	0	0
Municipal ----- 0	0	0	0
Commissioner ----- 0	0	0	0
Probate ----- 0	0	0	0
Appellate Court ----- 0	0	0	0
Senior and Retired ----- 0	0	0	0
Other ----- 0	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	1	6

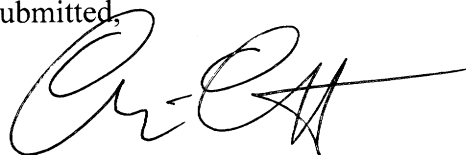
Member Voting

	D	FI	D	FI
	YTD			
Miles Burdine	16	0	68	0
Judge Angelita Dalton	14	0	61	1
Judge Joe Fowlkes	17	0	52	0
Robert Gardner	17	0	62	1
Ronald Hickman	26	1	88	6
Chris Hodges	12	0	55	1
Thomas Lawless	15	0	42	0
Judge Christy Little	19	0	105	6
Judge Larry Logan	35	1	111	9
Judge Michael Sharp	8	0	52	1
Judge Dwight Stokes	25	1	85	5
David Wedekind	16	0	81	6
Judge Dee Gay	5	1	8	1

D= Dismissals

FI= Full Investigations

Respectfully submitted,



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