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Dear Chief Clerks:

Please find enclosed the statistical report of the Board of Judicial Conduct covering filings and dispositions for the month of May, 2016, as mandated by Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-5-207.

Sincerely,

CHRIS CRAFT  
Board Chair

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**BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT  
MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2016**

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The number and category of complaints OPENED<sup>1</sup>:

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
A) Failure to comply with law: -----	19	274
B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness: -----	3	29
C) Discourtesy: -----	1	10
D) Abuse of office: -----	2	5
E) Delay: -----	5	31
F) Ex parte communications: -----	1	5
G) Disability: -----	0	0
H) Political violation: -----	0	1
I) Recusal: -----	4	27
J) Miscellaneous: -----	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>383</b>

The number and category of complaints CLOSED:

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
A) Failure to comply with law: -----	22	256
B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness: -----	2	40
C) Discourtesy: -----	0	9
D) Abuse of office: -----	0	3
E) Delay: -----	3	20
F) Ex parte communications: -----	0	4
G) Disability: -----	0	1
H) Political violation: -----	0	1
I) Recusal: -----	2	25
J) Miscellaneous: -----	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>360</b>

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.

DISPOSITION of the complaints closed by CATEGORY:

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>A) Failure to comply with law:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	21	237
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	1	8
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	3
Dismissal with warning -----	0	1
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	1
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	2
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	2
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	2
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	22	256

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	1	2
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	35
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	1	3
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	2	40

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>C) Discourtesy:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	1
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	4
Dismissal with warning -----	0	1
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	3
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	9

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>D) Abuse of office:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	1
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	1
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	1
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office ---	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	3

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>E) Delay:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	3	20
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	3	20

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>F) Ex parte communications:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	1
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	3
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	1	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	4

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>G) Disability:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	0
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	1
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	1

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>H) Political violation:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	0
Dismissal with warning -----	0	1
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	1

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>THIS FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>
<b>I) Recusal:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	1	20
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	2
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	1	2
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	1
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	2	25

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<b>J) Miscellaneous:</b>		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	0	0
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	0	1
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Private censure -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	0	0
Public censure -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Suspension -----	0	0
Recommendation of removal from office --	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0	1