

BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
QUARTERLY REPORT
(For the period 10/1/2023 through 12/31/2023)

The number of complaints OPENED¹ this quarter is 156. Year to date the number is 156.

The number of complaints CLOSED this quarter is 117. Year to date the number is 117.

The DISPOSITION of the complaints closed this quarter is:

		YTD (Year to Date)
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	42	42
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	4	4
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	39	39
Dismissal with warning -----	1	1
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	2	2
Private reprimand -----	1	1
Public reprimand -----	9	9
Other -----	18	18
Retired complaint, no longer a judge -----	0	0
Cease and Desist Order-----	0	0
Suspension -----	1	1
Recommendation of removal from office --	0	0
TOTAL	117	117

The number of complaints PENDING on the last day of this quarter is 70.

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

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. Therefore, there is no five-year statistical data to compare.

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>
Criminal -----	12	12
Circuit -----	30	30
Chancery -----	9	9
General Sessions -----	13	13
Juvenile -----	3	3
Magistrate and Referee-----	5	5
Municipal -----	1	1
Commissioner -----	1	1
Probate -----	1	1
Appellate Court -----	9	9
Senior and Retired -----	1	1
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	86	86 (Non-judge, deceased judge, judge from another state, etc.)

B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	4	4
Circuit -----	10	10
Chancery -----	4	5
General Sessions -----	4	4
Juvenile -----	0	0
Magistrate and Referee-----	4	4
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	3	3
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	1	1
TOTAL	30	30

C) Discourtesy:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	2	2
Circuit -----	1	1
Chancery -----	1	1
General Sessions -----	2	2
Juvenile -----	3	3
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	9	9

D) Abuse of office:		<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 -----	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

E) Delay:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	5	5
Circuit -----	2	2
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	7	7

F) <i>Ex parte</i> communications:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	1
Circuit -----	0	0
Chancery -----	0	0
General Sessions -----	0	0
Juvenile -----	1	1
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>0</u>
TOTAL	2	2

G) Disability:		<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 -----	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	1	1

H) Political violation:		<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 -----	2	2
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	2	2

D) Recusal:		<u>YTD</u>
Criminal -----	1	1
Circuit -----	6	6
Chancery -----	2	2
General Sessions -----	4	4
Juvenile -----	1	1
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	2	2
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	3	3
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	19	19

J) Miscellaneous:		<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 -----	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

Member Voting

	D	FI	D(YTD)	FI(YTD)
Hon. Jeffrey Atherton	4	1	4	1
Hon. H. Allen Bray	24	0	24	1
Hon. Tony Childress	14	0	14	0
Hon. Valerie Smith	24	0	24	0
Edwena Crowe	24	0	24	0
Rodney Brown	6	0	6	0
William Koch Jr	21	1	21	1
Hon. Camille McMullen	14	0	14	0
Bishop Edward Stephens	8	0	8	0
Benjamin Purser Jr	21	1	21	1
C. Ashley Johnson	4	0	4	0
Dan Springer	21	1	21	1
Terica Smith	14	0	14	0
Hon. John Whitworth	8	0	8	0
Robert Wilkinson	4	1	4	1

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FI= Full Investigations

Respectfully submitted,



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Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	3	3
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	1	1
TOTAL	30	30

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Criminal -----	2	2
Circuit -----	1	1
Chancery -----	1	1
General Sessions -----	2	2
Juvenile -----	3	3
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	9	9

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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	0	0

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Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	2	2

G) Disability:		<u>YTD</u>
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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

H) Political violation:		<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 -----	2	2
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	0	0
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	0	0
Other -----	0	1
TOTAL	2	2

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Circuit -----	6	6
Chancery -----	2	2
General Sessions -----	4	4
Juvenile -----	1	1
Magistrate and Referee-----	0	0
Municipal -----	0	0
Commissioner -----	0	0
Probate -----	2	2
Appellate Court -----	0	0
Senior and Retired -----	3	3
Other -----	0	0
TOTAL	19	19

J) Miscellaneous:		<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
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