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The Honorable Christy R. Little
General Sessions and Juvenile Court Judge
110 Irby Street
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Jackson, TN 38301

RE: Board of Judicial Conduct Complaint
Board of Judicial Conduct No. B13-5525

Dear Judge Little:

This letter shall serve as a public letter of reprimand pursuant to your agreement with a special investigative panel of this Board.

This matter involves your unexplained tardiness for your court dockets, as determined by the Board of Judicial Conduct. Your tardiness was for a substantial period of time and was, on a number of individual occasions, for significant periods of time. Your tardiness caused inconveniences to parties, witnesses, and attorneys. Upon learning of this complaint in the fall of 2016, your pattern of tardiness ceased.

The Canons and rules violated by the above-described conduct are the following, as they were in effect at the time of the conduct:

CANON 1 - A JUDGE SHALL UPHOLD AND PROMOTE THE INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY, AND IMPARTIALITY OF THE JUDICIARY, AND SHALL AVOID IMPROPRIETY AND THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY.

RULE 1.1 Compliance with the Law

A judge shall comply with the law, including the Code of Judicial Conduct.

RULE 1.2 Promoting Confidence in the Judiciary

A judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.

CANON 2 - A JUDGE SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF JUDICIAL OFFICE IMPARTIALLY, COMPETENTLY, AND DILIGENTLY.

RULE 2.1 Giving Precedence to the Duties of Judicial Office.

The duties of judicial office, as prescribed by law, shall take precedence over a judge's personal and extrajudicial activities.

RULE 2.5 Competence, Diligence, and Cooperation

(A) A judge shall perform judicial and administrative duties competently, promptly and diligently.

Upon receiving notice of this investigation in this matter, you and your counsel have fully cooperated with the Board of Judicial Conduct. You have assisted the Board of Judicial Conduct in addressing and resolving this matter.

Accordingly, this letter constitutes a Public Reprimand for your actions in the above matter, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 17-5-301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Craft", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chris Craft
Chairman

CC/bep

cc: Mr. Lucian T. Pera, Esq.
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