

**BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022**

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The number and category of complaints OPENED¹:

	<u>THIS MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
A) Failure to comply with law: -----	19	51
B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness: -----	5	9
C) Discourtesy: -----	2	5
D) Abuse of office: -----	1	1
E) Delay: -----	1	2
F) Ex parte communications: -----	1	2
G) Disability: -----	0	0
H) Political violation: -----	3	3
I) Recusal: -----	0	0
J) Miscellaneous: -----	0	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ² :	32	<u>73</u>

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The number and category of complaints CLOSED:

	<u>THIS MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
A) Failure to comply with law: -----	21	41
B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness: -----	6	11
C) Discourtesy: -----	2	4
D) Abuse of office: -----	0	0
E) Delay: -----	2	2
F) Ex parte communications: -----	0	0
G) Disability: -----	0	0
H) Political violation: -----	0	1
I) Recusal: -----	0	1
J) Miscellaneous: -----	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	31	<u>60</u>

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. On March 13, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court declared a state of Emergency for the Judicial Branch of Tennessee government and suspended in-person court proceedings, with certain exceptions through March 31, 2020. *See In re: Covid-19 Pandemic*, No. ADM2020-00428 (Tenn. 2020). On March 25, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court continued the suspension of in-court proceedings through April 30, 2020. *Id.* On April 24, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court modified the prior suspension of in-person proceedings. *See In re: Covid-19 Pandemic*, No. ADM2020-00428 (Tenn. April 24, 2020).

2. Out of the 32 total complaints filed, 41% were filed by inmates. Similarly, out of the 32 complaints, 78% were filed by the party that lost in the underlying proceeding.

DISPOSITION of the complaints closed by CATEGORY:

	<u>THIS</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
A) Failure to comply with law		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	9	17
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	11	2
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	1	1
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	21	41

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B) Bias, prejudice and unfairness:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	2	3
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	3	6
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	1	1
Public reprimand -----	0	1
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	6	11

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C) Discourtesy:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	1	1
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	1	3
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	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	4

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D) Abuse of office:		
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	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	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	0

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E) Delay:		
Dismissed, complaint about court ruling----	1	1
Dismissed, no jurisdiction -----	0	0
Dismissed, inadequate factual basis -----	1	1
Dismissal with warning -----	0	0
Dismissal after full investigation -----	0	0
Deferred discipline agreement -----	0	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	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	2

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F) Ex parte communications:		
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	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	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	0

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G) Disability:		
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	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	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	0

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H) Political violation:		
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
Public reprimand -----	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

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I) Recusal:		
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
Public reprimand -----	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

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J) Miscellaneous:		
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	0
Private reprimand -----	0	0
Public reprimand -----	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	0