

## **FY11**

On November 16, 2010, the JCC dismissed a complaint filed against a justice court judge who had, over a period of five years, made three comments to female court clerks that the clerks perceived as sexually suggestive and that caused the clerks to feel uncomfortable. The judge also forwarded an off-color joke, via e-mail, to two clerks. The judge was extremely remorseful. He had not intended his comments to elicit a sexual response, cause discomfort or bring disrepute to the judiciary. The JCC found that the misconduct was troubling but relatively minor misbehavior for which no public sanction was warranted.

On December 30, 2010, the JCC dismissed a complaint filed against a justice court judge who self-denied a motion to disqualify and continued to take action in a criminal case. The judge referred a subsequent motion to disqualify to another judge for decision, but without having been requested to do so, improperly submitted an affidavit addressing the allegations in the motion. The judge, who had misunderstood the rule governing motions to disqualify, was extremely remorseful and has taken steps to ensure that the behavior is not repeated. The JCC found that the misconduct was troubling but relatively minor misbehavior for which no public sanction was warranted.

On April 12, 2011, the JCC dismissed a complaint against a justice court judge who had used the terms "bull" and "what the . . ." in open court. On at least one occasion in open court, the judge referred to the prosecutor as the persecutor. On at least one occasion in open court, upon hearing a baby cry, the judge asked the attorneys present if they had anything to say. The JCC found that the misconduct was troubling but relatively minor misbehavior for which no public sanction was warranted.