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On December 22, 2011, the JCC dismissed a complaint filed against a justice court judge who engaged in an ex parte scheduling discussion with a small claims litigant without promptly notifying the other party and giving the other party the opportunity to respond. The JCC found that the misconduct was troubling but relatively minor misbehavior for which no public sanction was warranted.

On March 12, 2012, the JCC issued two dismissals with a warning to a justice court judge, having found that the misconducts were troubling but relatively minor misbehavior for which no public sanction was warranted. When a JCC complaint is dismissed, JCC rules allow the complainant to request that the investigation be re-opened. The complainant made such a request, which the JCC granted. The two dismissals with a warning are on hold pending the outcome of the additional investigation.

On June 12, 2012, the JCC dismissed a complaint filed against a district court judge who sentenced a defendant: (1) without providing the defendant the opportunity to be sentenced between 2 and 45 days later, as provided by statute; and (2) without giving the defendant the opportunity to address the court prior to sentencing. The JCC found that the misconduct was troubling but relatively minor misbehavior for which no public sanction was warranted.