

## **FY15**

On September 16, 2014, the JCC dismissed a complaint filed against a justice court judge who had acted impatiently toward an individual who interrupted court proceedings. The JCC found that the judge's actions violated Rule 2.8(B), which requires judges to act with patience, dignity and courtesy. However, the JCC also found that the misconduct was troubling but relatively minor misbehavior for which no public sanction was warranted.

On January 20, 2015, the JCC dismissed a complaint filed against a relatively new district court judge who had engaged in a few minor ex parte communications about a pending civil case. The JCC found that the judge's actions violated Rule 2.9(A), which prohibits most ex parte communications. However, the JCC also found that the misconduct was troubling but relatively minor misbehavior for which no public sanction was warranted.

On November 18, 2014, the JCC dismissed a self-reported complaint against a justice court judge who, while wearing a judicial robe, participated in the ALS ice-bucket challenge and challenged other judges and court administrators to participate. The judge posted a video of his participation and challenges online, but immediately removed the video when he became aware of the violation. The JCC found that the judge's actions violated Rule 3.7(A), which prohibits judges from engaging in many fund-raising activities. However, the JCC also determined that the misconduct was troubling but relatively minor misbehavior for which no public sanction was warranted.

On March 17, 2015, the JCC dismissed a self-reported complaint against a new district court judge who had, during the judicial appointment process, publicly endorsed a candidate for public office. The JCC found that the judge's actions violated Rule 4.1(A), which prohibits judges and judicial candidates from participating in many political activities. However, the JCC also found that the misconduct was troubling but relatively minor misbehavior for which no public sanction was warranted.