

## **FY-2027**

On July 7, 2026, the Judicial Conduct Commission dismissed a complaint against a justice court judge for violation of Rules 2.8(B) and 2.11(A)(1) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. During two small claims trials, the judge used a demeaning tone and improper language when speaking with litigants. The demeaning behavior caused the judge's impartiality to be called into question, and the judge should have disqualified themselves from the second small claims trial which involved one of the same litigants as the first small claims trial. The judge accepted responsibility and was apologetic. The judge has completed self-imposed remediation training to further prevent repeating the misconduct described above. The Commission found the behavior and misconduct were troubling but relatively minor for which no public sanction was warranted.

On August 10, 2026, the Judicial Conduct Commission dismissed a complaint against a justice court judge for violation of Rules 2.6(A) and 2.8(B) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. During a small claims trial, the judge issued a ruling before hearing arguments from one of the parties. The judge then used a demeaning tone and improper language when speaking with and about one of the parties who questioned the ruling. The judge accepted responsibility and was apologetic. The judge has completed self-imposed remediation training to further prevent repeating the misconduct described above. The Commission found the behavior and misconduct were troubling but relatively minor for which no public sanction was warranted.