

TEXANS FOR JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Calling for volunteers
and donations

Advocating for
Transparent
Accountability within
our Judicial System





Lawyers Beware: Criticizing Judges can be hazardous to your professional health!

"Regrettably, because the line is blurred between when a lawyer can safely criticize a judge and when that criticism exposes the speaker to professional discipline, lawyers may choose to remain silent even in the face of actual judicial malfeasance or conflict of interest." -John B. Harris

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We are committed to
making sure
unscrupulous judges are
held accountable for
their actions.

Honorable Judges should join in this action.

Reasons Behind the Cause



Texas has had enough!

Texas has very high standards, and Judges are held in esteemed positions. However, there is very little oversight and accountability.



Courts will almost never take up any suit against a judge and will simply deflect to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Yes, you can appeal, but it will cost you 10s of thousands of dollars and an appeal may simply be ignored.

Current problems with our judiciary:

- There is very little oversight and accountability.
- State Commission on Judicial Conduct has only 12 staff members. Less than 5% get reprimanded.
- No real legal remedies.
- Some Judges are accepting payments for rulings.
- Some judges are ignoring the law and acting upon personal biases.
- **ANY AGENCY WHOSE ACTIONS ARE SHIELDED FROM THE PUBLIC SHOULD RAISE THE SCRUTINY OF THE PUBLIC.**



District Court Judge in Tarrant County -
publicly reprimanded.

'Used electric shocks
in court as
punishment three
times after Terry
Morris failed to
answer the Judge's
questions properly.'

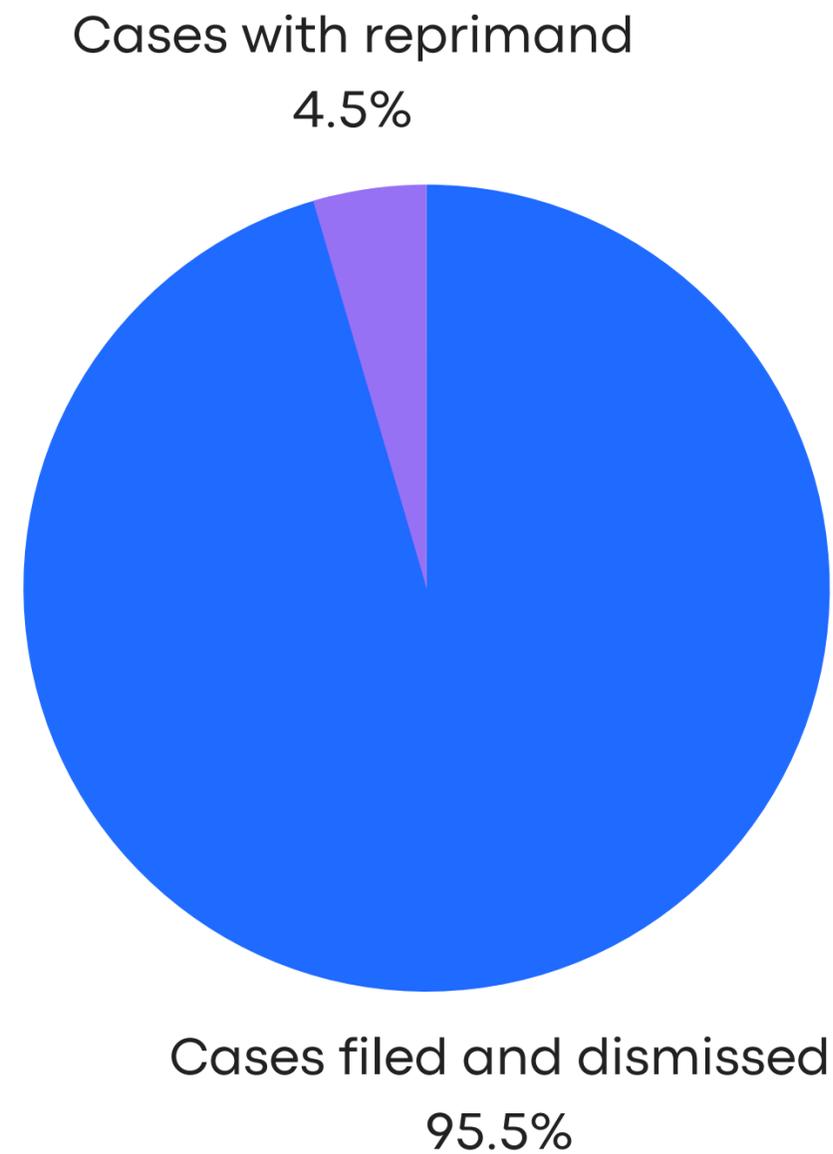
Fort Worth Star Telegram, Jeff Caplan



State Commission on Judicial Conduct

Has only 12 staff members.

The State of New York has the same number of judges and has nearly 50.



Based on the 2022 Annual Report

6,854 cases were filed from 2018-2022. 6,528 were dismissed. 326 had some sort of reprimand, but we don't know HOW they were reprimanded.

Support our cause



Volunteer

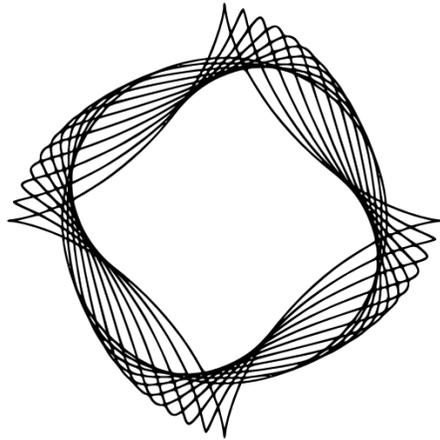
We need people all over the state to be being doing exactly as I am. If you would like to, or if you know someone who would like to, please let me know.



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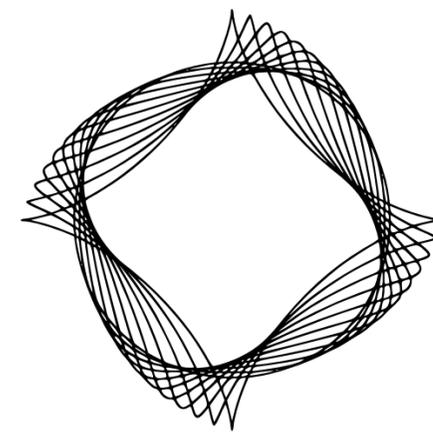
We accept checks, cash, or credit card on our website. Any amount is appreciated!

Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct - Resignations



One Resignation, 2022

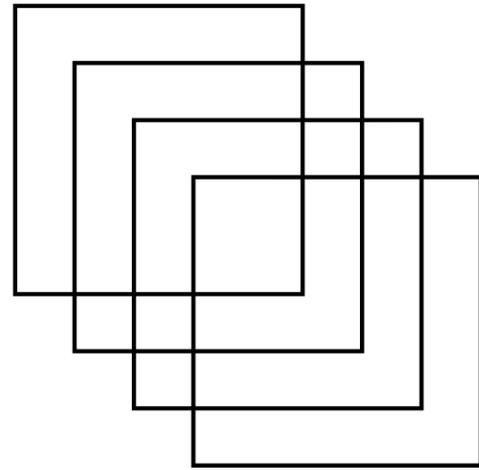
Agreed not to pursue further disciplinary proceedings against Former Judge Kirk Noakes because he voluntarily agreed to resign in lieu of disciplinary action.



2001 - 2022

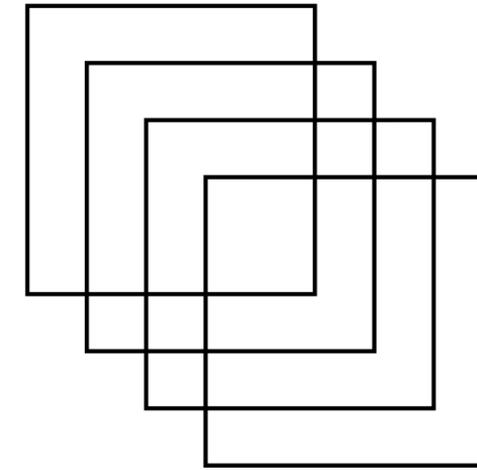
There are a total of 87 JPs, County Court at Law, Municipal Court, County Judges, Criminal Court Judges and Court of appeals that have voluntarily agreed to resign in lieu of disciplinary action.

State Commission on Judicial Conduct - Suspensions



2022 - Five Suspensions

Out of the five, three were pending and two were dismissed.



2001-2022

There were a total of 79, including 19 that are already listed under resignations.

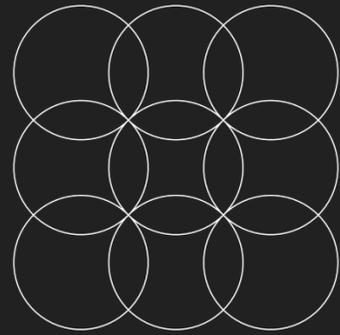


Judge Eric Clifford

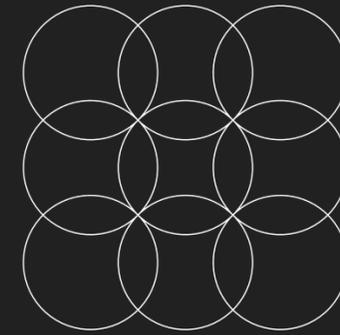
Lamar County District Judge

Violated NINE separate Canons and received a Public Reprimand in August 2015. He resigned from the court in March 2016.

State Commission on Judicial Conduct - Public Sanctions



17 Public Sanctions in 2022



212 Public Sanctions from
2002-2022

State Commission on Judicial Conduct - Private Sanctions

1

531 Private
Sanctions from
2000-2023

2

Private Sanctions
show the "why"
but not the who.

3

Everything from
operating a motor
vehicle under the
influence to failure
to obtain judicial
education hours.



Private Sanctions have to stop

We need to be able to hold our
judges accountable, just as we are
held accountable.

Texans for Judicial Accountability has a mission

Educate and Advocate

OUR MISSION of Texans for Judicial Accountability is to:

- 1) Educate the public about the need for an independent and honorable judiciary and its indispensability to justice in our society.
- 2) Educate the public about the need for judges to be faithful to, and maintain professional competence in, the law and should not be swayed by special interests, public clamor, or fear of criticism.
- 3) Educate the public that judges (i) should perform their duties with respect for others, (ii) should not engage in behavior that is harassing, abusive, prejudiced, or biased, and (iii) should maintain and enforce high standards of conduct and decorum.
- 4) Advocate for processes and mechanisms aimed at making judges and courts PERSONALLY or institutionally responsible for behaviors and decisions contrary to constitutional or legal standards or that discourage public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judicial system.
- 5) Advocate for methods and means for achieving greater judicial integrity in the courts of the State of Texas and requiring judges and judicial personnel to be patient, dignified, respectful and courteous to all of those with whom they come in contact.
- 6) Advocate for a process and means for investigating, disciplining and/or removing judges who are accused of misconduct, a process that is removed from the influence of the judiciary and completely independent to investigate and prosecute rogue judges.

Ways we can change this!

1. Make EVERY SCJC complaint public!
2. Every single conviction of every single complaint needs to be published, along with the consequences given.
3. Increase number of staff within the SCJC.
4. SCJC Commission must be changed to citizens only.
5. Audio and Video in every courtroom.
6. No in-camera hearings without court reporter present and recording.
7. Judges required to validate and publish all rulings.
8. Judges should be able to endorse for offices lower than their own.

Support Us

It is considered to be career suicide for an attorney to hold a judge accountable. Self-governance has always failed, has failed with our judiciary, and is simply used to protect a system that is far past the need for reform.

Call Us

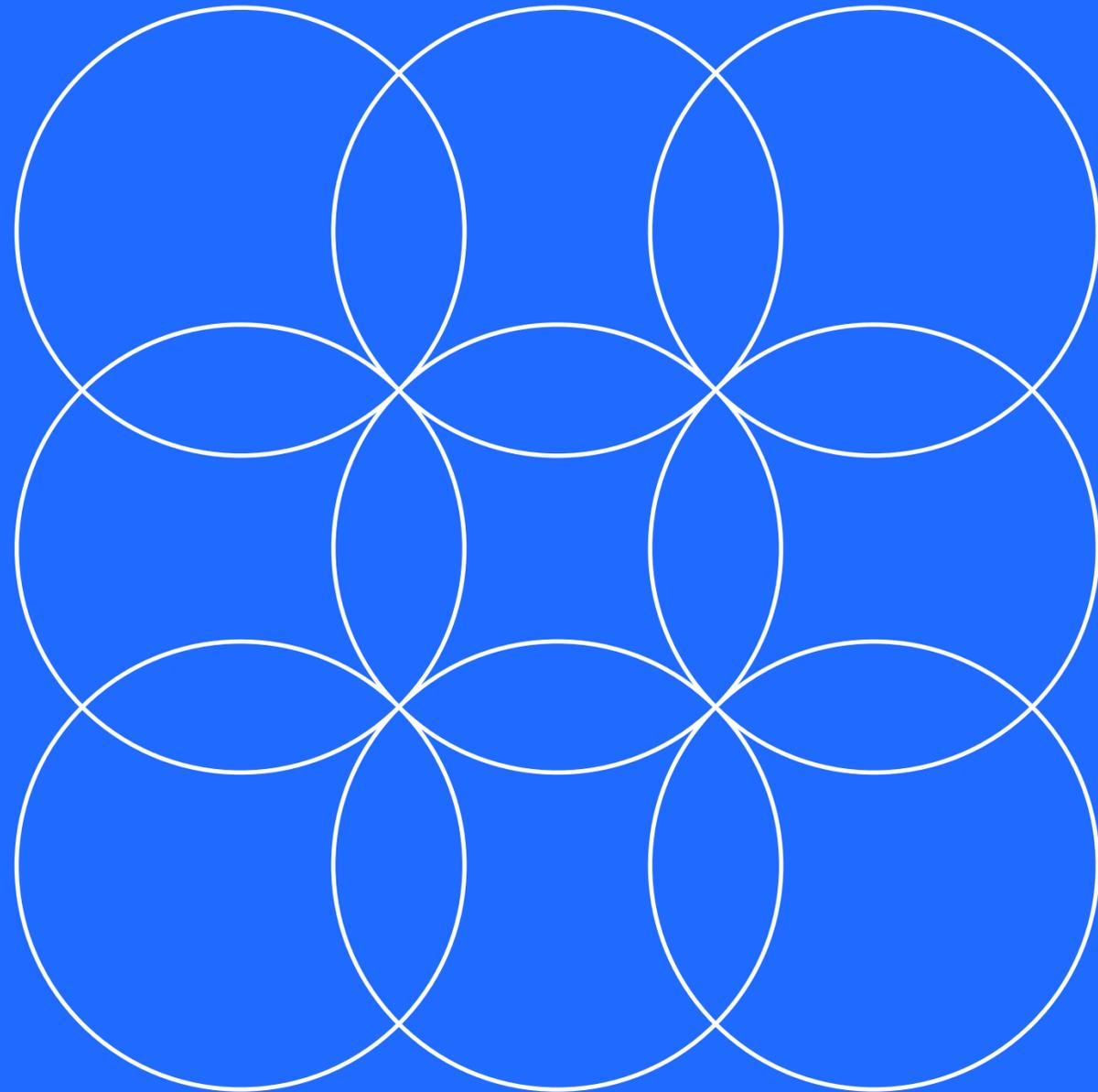
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