

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION**

IN RE THE MATTER OF:

**TIMOTHY N. PHILPOT, FAMILY COURT JUDGE
22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Timothy N. Philpot is a Family Court Judge for Kentucky's 22nd Judicial Circuit consisting of Fayette County. Judge Philpot has waived formal proceedings and has agreed to the disposition made in this Order.

The Commission received information during a preliminary investigation that Judge Philpot requires couples with children to participate in special hearings to determine whether or not their marriage is irretrievably broken, but does not require such hearings with couples that do not have children. The Commission also received information that Judge Philpot was providing third parties with facts about the cases, which were not part of the public record, to assist the third parties with their independent research and teaching duties.

The Commission concludes that Judge Philpot's conduct violated SCR 4.020(1)(b)(i) and that he engaged in misconduct in office. The Commission further concludes that Judge Philpot violated SCR 4.300 and the relevant portions of the following Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct:

Canon 2D which prohibits a judge from lending the prestige of his office to advance the private interests of others.

Canon 3 which requires judges to perform the duties of judicial office fairly and impartially.

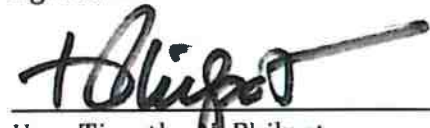
Canon 3B(11) which prohibits judges from disclosing or using, for any purpose unrelated to judicial duties, nonpublic information acquired in a judicial capacity.

Based on the foregoing conduct, Judge Philpot is hereby publicly reprimanded. In making the disposition in this Order, the Commission duly considered that Judge Philpot fully cooperated in the matter.

Date: 1/16/17


STEPHEN D. WOLNITZEK, CHAIR

Agreed to:


Hon. Timothy Philpot