

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION**

**ORDER OF PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

The Commission issues this order of private reprimand to a judge for violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, SCR 4.300, Rule 4.1 (A)(3).

The Commission conducted a preliminary investigation of a complaint that a retired judge participating in the Temporary Assignment of Retired Judges Program, while under a temporary order of assignment with a defined date period, attended a campaign event and publicly endorsed a candidate for public office. While the retired judge did not conduct court on the day of the campaign event, it was during the defined period of the temporary order of assignment.

The Commission concludes that the retired judge violated SCR 4.020(1)(b)(v), SCR 4.300, and the relevant portions of the following Rules of the Code of Judicial Conduct:

Canon 4, Rule 4.1 (A)(3) prohibits a judge from publicly endorsing or opposing a candidate for any public office.

Based upon the foregoing conduct, the judge is hereby privately reprimanded.

In issuing this private reprimand, the Commission duly considered that the judge fully cooperated in the investigation and agreed to accept this Private Reprimand.

Date: 4/24/2023

  
R. MICHAEL SULLIVAN, CHAIR