

**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 2.8.

After the conclusion of a hearing, as one of the parties was leaving the courtroom, the party started to become hostile toward a legal professional. The judge intervened and informed the party that the legal professional should not be spoken to in that manner while in the judge's courtroom. The judge was noticeably irritated and raised his voice at the party. Immediately after the parties and the counsel who had participated in that hearing left the courtroom and after the courtroom door closed, but still in the presence of other individuals in the courtroom, the judge used profanity from the bench. At the time of the profanity, the hearing had concluded, but the court's video recorder was still recording what was occurring in the Courtroom.

Rule 2.8 requires judges to be patient, dignified and courteous to lawyers and others with whom the judge deals in an official capacity. The judge violated this rule in raising his voice in an irritated manner with a party and for using profanity from the bench.

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: 10/24/2024

  
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R. MICHAEL SULLIVAN, CHAIR

Ms. Janet Lively McCauley recused from any consideration of this case.