

# Judicial Conduct Commission Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

### <u>Commission</u> Members

R. Michael Sullivan, Chair Owensboro

Judge Glenn Acree Lexington

Judge Eddy Coleman Pikeville

Judge Amy Anderson Campbellsville

Dr. Joe Ellis Benton

Janet A. McCauley Louisville

#### Alternate Members

Carroll M. "Trip" Redford, III Lexington

Judge Susanne Cetrulo Newport

Judge Mitch Perry Louisville

Judge Earl-Ray Neal Richmond

#### **Commission Staff**

Ms. Laura H. Hendrix Executive Secretary

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# <u>**Judicial Conduct Complaints:**</u>

In the 2024-2025 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, the Commission considered 373 total complaints, 362 were concluded, 3 of which resulted in imposed sanctions:

- One Private Admonition
- One Suspension
- **♦** One Private Reprimand

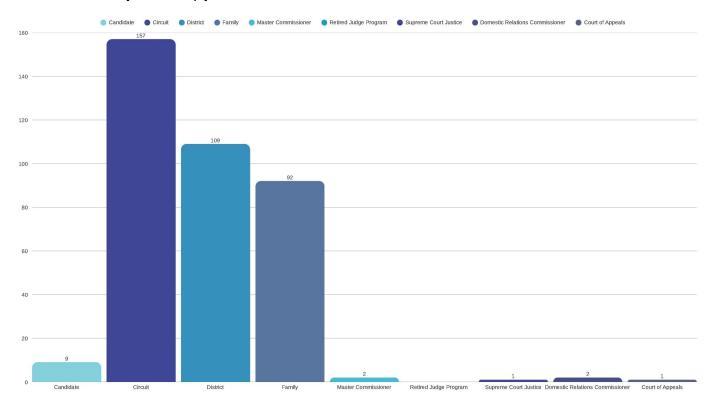
### Complaints for FY 2024-2025:

- 373 Number of complaints received during fiscal year 2024-2025.
- 362 Number of complaints disposed of during fiscal year 2024-2025.
- 304 Number of complaints received during fiscal year 2023-2024.

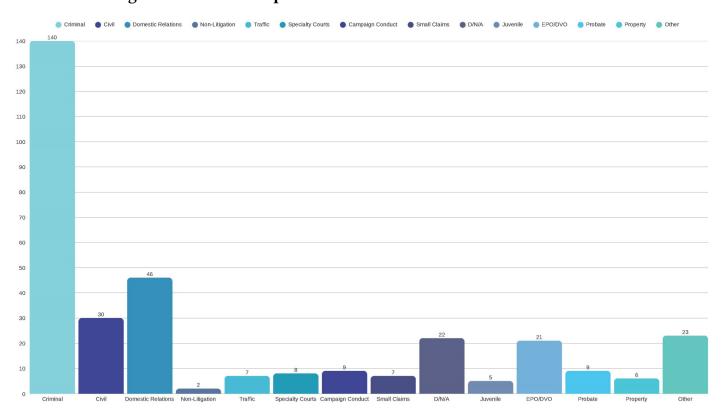
### **Jurisdiction:**

Judicial positions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky within the jurisdiction of the Commission: 7-Supreme Court, 14-Court of Appeals, 97-Circuit Court, 61-Family Court, 114-District Court, 45-Trial Commissioner, 120-Master Commissioner, and 18-Domestic Relations Commissioner. Additionally, the Commission has jurisdiction over attorneys who have filed as candidates for judicial office, special judges and participants in the retired judge program under circumstances outlined in the Code of Judicial Conduct.

## **Number of Complaints by Judicial Position:**

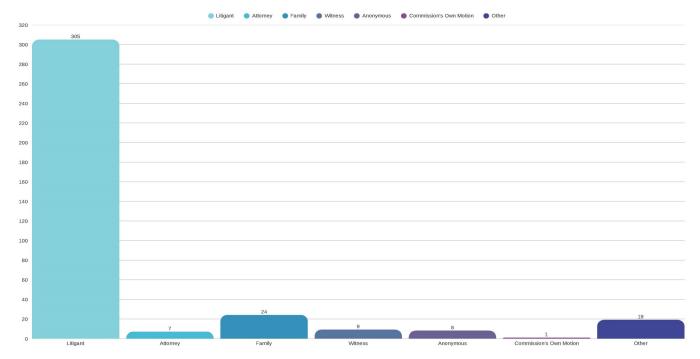


# What Proceedings Resulted in Complaints?

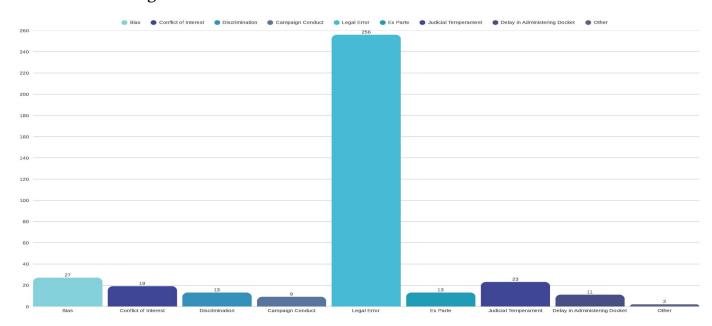


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## Who Filed Complaints?



## What were the Allegations?



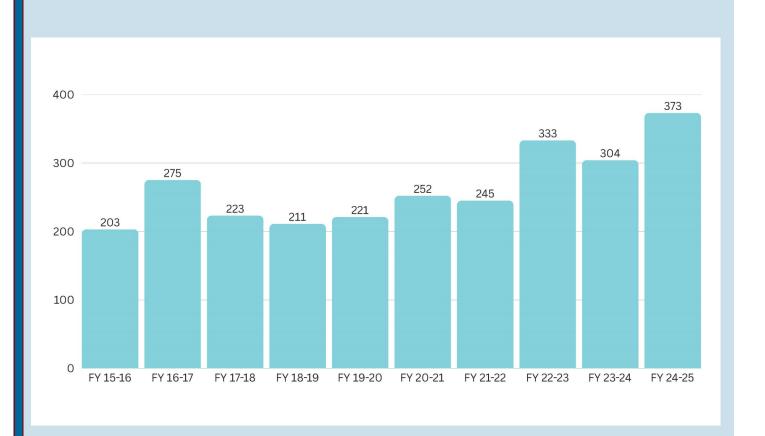
# **Complainant Representation in Court:**

- 28.4% had court-appointed counsel
- 27.3% were represented by private counsel
- 17.7% unknown or not applicable (non-litigation)
- 26.5% appeared *pro se*



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### Number of Complaints Filed - 10 Year History



#### **About the Judicial Conduct Commission**

The mission of the Kentucky Judicial Conduct Commission is to protect the public, to encourage judges, commissioners and candidates for judicial office to maintain high standards of conduct, and to promote public confidence in the integrity, independence, competence, and impartiality of the judiciary.

The Commission accomplishes this mission through its investigation of complaints of judicial misconduct, wrongdoing or disability. In cases where judges, commissioners and candidates for judicial office are found to have engaged in misconduct or to be incapacitated, the Kentucky Constitution authorizes the Commission to take appropriate disciplinary action, including issuing admonitions, reprimands, censures, suspensions, or removal from office.

https://kycourts.gov/Courts/Pages/Judicial-Conduct-Commission.aspx