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MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2013

BOSTON, MA (October 10, 2013) – On October 10, 2013, the Commission on Judicial Conduct's Executive Director, Howard V. Neff, III, published this interim report of Commission activities for the third quarter of calendar year 2013, from July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013. During that period, seventy-two complaints were filed with the Commission, and out of those complaints, eleven were docketed for investigation or preliminary inquiry, as they alleged conduct that, if true, would constitute judicial misconduct. During that same period, one additional complaint was initiated by the Commission pursuant to Commission Rule 6A.

During the third quarter, the Commission held two meetings and considered twenty-four complaints that had been docketed in 2013 and in previous years. Of those twenty-four complaints, twenty-two were dismissed by the Commission after investigation or preliminary inquiry.

Two of the twenty-four complaints considered by the Commission in the third quarter are still pending. Pursuant to Agreed Dispositions that became effective in 2013 and in previous years, the Commission continues to monitor the conduct of five judges with additional conditions.

An Agreed Disposition may take the form of an Informal Adjustment in which the Commission informs or admonishes the judge that certain conduct is or may be cause for discipline, or an Agreed Disposition may take the form of a reprimand. This form of disposition requires agreement by the judge. In most cases, this type of disposition has a valuable, favorable effect on a judge's conduct. The terms of such a disposition usually include a period of monitoring by the Commission and conditions imposed on the judge that are designed to prevent a repetition of the misconduct. The conditions may include counseling, education, assignment of a mentor judge, monitoring by the Commission for a specified period of time, voluntary retirement, or other appropriate conditions.



The Commission's statute and rules, and a copy of the 2012 Annual Report are available on the Commission's website: www.mass.gov/cjc.

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