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MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT PUBLISHES ANNUAL REPORT COVERING 2012 ACTIVITIES

BOSTON, MA (June 20, 2013) – On June 20, 2013, the Commission on Judicial Conduct's Executive Director, Howard V. Neff, III, published the Commission's Annual Report, covering the Commission's activities from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

The Commission reports that 246 complaints were filed with the Commission in 2012, and out of those complaints, 76 were docketed for investigation or preliminary inquiry, as each met the standard of alleging conduct that, if true, would constitute judicial misconduct.

The Commission considered 105 complaints filed in 2012 and previous years and disposed of 102 of them in 2012. Of the 105 complaints considered by the Commission in 2012, six were dismissed by the Commission with an expression of concern to the judge and 95 were dismissed outright, as not having been misconduct. Four complaints that were subject to an Informal Adjustment or Agreed Disposition were actively monitored by the Commission in 2012 and one of those complaints was successfully closed as Informally Adjusted in 2012.

The Annual Report includes statistics for the year 2012, overall statistics dating back to the year 2008, a copy of the Commission's enabling statute, a copy of its rules, and the Code of the Judicial Conduct.

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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