



JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
State of Georgia

Dear Complainant:

In accordance with your request, we are enclosing a form for the filing of a complaint with this Commission, as well as a brochure, which outlines the function, jurisdiction and procedures used by the Commission in evaluating complaints.

The Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission serves many purposes: to instruct judges on ethical conduct; to promote public confidence in the integrity, independence, and impartiality of the Georgia judiciary; and to encourage judges in Georgia to maintain high standards of conduct both on and off the bench. One of the most important ways the Commission accomplishes this mission is through its investigation of allegations of judicial misconduct.

Please review these materials, including the information set forth on the last page of the form, before attempting to complete the form and note that this form must be typed or legibly handprinted, dated and signed.

To be considered, all complaint forms must describe specific allegations of judicial misconduct in **five (5) pages or less, double-spaced.**

Please keep copies of all documents sent to the Commission, do not send originals. The Commission is unable to return documents to complainants. The Commission will not review any documents or other papers included with a complaint unless evidence of judicial ethical misconduct is first set forth in the complaint.

If, after reviewing the form and the brochure, you have further questions, the Commission will welcome your inquiry. Be assured that any complaint, which lies within the authority of the Commission, will be carefully considered.

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Enclosures



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State of Georgia

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Complaint Number _____

COMPLAINT AGAINST A GEORGIA JUDGE

Confidential under Georgia Constitution Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph VI and Commission Rule 20

Please read the entire form and the enclosed brochure explaining the Commission’s function, jurisdiction and procedures before attempting to complete this form.

PLEASE NOTE: Complaint form must be typed or legibly hand-printed, dated and signed before it will be considered.

I. Person Making Complaint

Full Name _____

Mr.

Ms.

Mrs. *Inmates Must Include EF or GDC Number* _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Day) _____ (Eve) _____

II. Judge Against Whom Complaint Is Made

Name _____

The Court is located in: _____
City County

Court Level: (check one) Supreme Court Court of Appeals Superior

State Magistrate Probate Municipal Juvenile Recorder’s Other

IV. Additional Information (if available)

a. If your complaint arises out a court case, please answer the following questions:

1. What is the name and number of the case?

Case name: _____ Case Number: _____

2. What kind of case is it?

civil criminal domestic relations probate small claims traffic other (specify)

3. What is your relationship to the case?

plaintiff/petitioner defendant/ respondent

attorney for _____ witness for _____

other (specify) _____

b. If you were represented by an attorney in this matter at the time of the judge's conduct, please identify the attorney:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

c. List and attach copies of any relevant documents which you believe support your claim that the judge has engaged in judicial misconduct or has a disability. (Note: these documents may not be returned to you and you should retain a copy for your records.)

d. Identify, if you can, any other witnesses to the conduct about which you complain:

Name(s): _____

Addresses: _____

In filing this complaint, I understand that:

- **The Commission's rules provide that all proceedings of the Commission, including complaints filed with the Commission, shall be kept confidential, until this complaint has been resolved.**
- **I further understand that this rule of confidentiality attaches and becomes effective upon the filing of this complaint and that any violation could result in a citation for contempt of the Supreme Court.**
- **The Commission may find it necessary to disclose my identity and the existence of this complaint to the involved judge. By filing this complaint I expressly consent to any such disclosure.**

V . Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined and understand this complaint form and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is true, correct and complete and submitted of my own free will.

_____ Date

_____ Complainant's Signature

(Only signed complaints will be considered)

Please note that the Commission only has authority to investigate allegations of judicial misconduct or permanent disability by persons holding state judicial positions. The Commission has no jurisdiction over and does not consider complaints against federal judges, lawyers, police, court personnel or District Attorneys. The Commission does not act as an appellate court and cannot review, reverse or modify a legal decision made by a judge in the course of a court proceeding.

For example, the Commission does not investigate claims that a judge wrongfully excluded evidence; imposed an improper sentence; awarded custody to the wrong party; incorrectly awarded alimony or child support; incorrectly resolved a legal issue or believed perjured testimony.

Please return this form and direct all future communications to:

**Judicial Qualifications Commission
8206 Hazelbrand Road, Suite C
Covington, GA 30014**

You are permitted to make copies of this blank form if you require additional forms.

If after reviewing this form and the accompanying brochure, you have further questions, the Commission will welcome your inquiry. Be assured that any complaint which lies within the jurisdiction of the Commission will be carefully considered.

How did you hear about the Judicial Qualifications Commission?

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