



JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

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January 10, 2023

Jason Ellsworth, President of the Senate
Matt Regier, Speaker of the House
State of Montana
Sixty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
Helena, Montana

Dear President Ellsworth and Speaker Regier:

As required by Montana Code Annotated § 3-1-1126, the Montana Judicial Standards Commission (Commission) submits this report to the legislature for the preceding biennium covering calendar years 2021 and 2022.

Article VII, Section 11, of the 1972 Montana Constitution directs the legislature to create a five-member Judicial Standards Commission to accept and consider complaints against Montana judicial officers. The 1973 legislature created the Commission, and it is attached to the Montana Supreme Court for administrative purposes. Mont. Code Ann. § 3-1-1101 through – 1126. The work, investigations, and recommendations of the Commission are independent of the Supreme Court. With few exceptions, all papers and proceedings before the Commission are confidential pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 3-1-1105. Access to Commission records is limited to the Commission and staff.

The Commission's report to the sixty-seventh legislature (2021 session) showed that 4 complaints were still pending at the close of 2020. Of those pending complaints, all 4 complaints were dismissed.

As shown in the attached spreadsheet, 48 complaints were filed against judicial officers in calendar year 2021. After consideration and investigation, 40 of those complaints were dismissed. There were 8 complaints pending as of December 31, 2021. Two of the pending complaints were dismissed in January 2022 and 6 complaints were dismissed in September 2022.

For calendar year 2022, 81 complaints were filed against judicial officers. After consideration and investigation, 1 complaint was withdrawn by the complainant, 65 complaints were dismissed, 1 resulted in a judge resigning. There were 14 complaints pending as of December 31, 2022.

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Should any member of the legislature, or staff, have questions or need additional information, they may contact Shelly Smith, the Commission's executive secretary, or any member of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Menahan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Hon. Mike Menahan, Chairman
JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

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Attachment

cc: Steve Fitzpatrick, Senate Majority Leader
Pat Flowers, Senate Minority Leader
Marilyn Miller, Secretary of the Senate
Sue Vinton, House Majority Leader
Kim Abbott, House Minority Leader
Carolyn Tschida, Chief Clerk of the House
Hon. Mike McGrath, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
Rachel Weiss, Lead Staff, Law and Justice Interim Committee

**REPORT IN FILE NO. ORDER Judicial Standards Commission
Complaints 2021 - 2022**

(d)*	Case No.	Date Filed	Type of Complaint	Decision	Date of Decision
2020					
	20-039	12/11/20	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	1/25/2021
17	20-040	12/14/20	Impropriety/Ex Parte Communications	Dismissed	1/25/2021
4	20-041	12/14/20	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	1/25/2021
4	20-042	12/14/20	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	1/25/2021
2021					
11	21-001	01/05/21	Impropriety/Ex Parte Communications	Dismissed	1/25/2021
	21-002	01/19/21	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	5/3/2021
	21-003	01/21/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	1/25/2021
5	21-004	02/25/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	3/26/2021
	21-005	03/03/21	Impartiality and Fairness	Dismissed	3/26/2021
12	21-006	03/09/21	Essential Conduct/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	3/26/2021
3	21-007	03/23/21	Competence, Diligence, Cooperation	Dismissed	5/3/2021
	21-008	03/29/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	5/3/2021
20	21-009	04/01/21	Impartiality	Dismissed	5/3/2021
6	21-010	04/19/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	5/3/2021
9	21-011	04/21/21	Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	5/3/2021
8	21-012	05/12/21	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/12/2021
	21-013	05/12/21	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/12/2021
18	21-014	05/24/21	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/12/2021
2	21-015	05/26/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	7/12/2021
	21-016	06/01/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	7/12/2021
	21-017	06/02/21	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	7/12/2021
	21-018	06/09/21	Delay	Dismissed	9/20/2021
25	21-019	06/23/21	Impropriety/Ex Parte Communications	Dismissed	7/12/2021
17	21-020	06/24/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	7/12/2021
12	21-021	06/28/21	Essential Conduct/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/12/2021
	21-022	06/28/21	Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	7/12/2021
15	21-023	07/06/21	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/12/2021
	21-024	07/07/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	7/12/2021
	21-025	07/12/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/20/2021
	21-026	07/14/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/20/2021
5	21-027	07/22/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/20/2021
	21-028	07/27/21	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/20/2021
12	21-029	08/03/21	Essential Conduct/Ex Parte Communication	Dismissed	9/27/2021
4	21-030	08/03/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/20/2021
8	21-031	08/09/21	Delay/Impropriety	Dismissed	9/20/2021
	21-032	08/23/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/20/2021
	21-033	08/23/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/20/2021
	21-034	08/26/21	Ex-parte Communication/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	11/22/2021
25	21-035	08/26/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion/Delay	Dismissed	9/20/2021
13	21-036	10/04/21	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	11/22/2021
18	21-037	10/06/21	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety	Dismissed	11/22/2021
	21-038	10/13/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	11/22/2021
6	21-039	10/18/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	11/22/2021

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24	21-041	11/29/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	1/24/2022
12	21-042	12/02/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
12	21-043	12/02/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
12	21-044	12/02/21	Essential Conduct/Partisan Politics	Dismissed	9/19/2022
12	21-045	12/02/21	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
12	21-046	12/08/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/19/2022
12	21-047	12/30/21	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
18	21-048	12/27/21	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	1/24/2022
2022					
9	22-001	01/07/22	Essential Conduct	Resigned/ Dismissed	11/14/2022
12	22-002	01/11/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-003	01/11/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	1/24/2022
	22-004	01/14/22	Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	3/26/2022
19	22-005	02/04/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	3/26/2022
	22-006	02/09/22	Essential Conduct/Impropriety	Dismissed	3/26/2022
23	22-007	02/22/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	3/26/2022
	22-008	02/25/22	Impropriety/Ex Parte Communications	Dismissed	3/26/2022
15	22-009	03/02/22	Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	3/26/2022
	22-010	03/03/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	3/26/2022
8	22-011	03/09/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety	Dismissed	3/26/2022
25	22-012	03/14/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	3/26/2022
	22-013	03/14/22	Judicial Opinion/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	3/26/2022
13	22-014	03/25/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	5/16/2022
1	22-015	03/28/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	5/16/2022
21	22-016	04/07/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety	Dismissed	5/16/2022
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	22-020	05/09/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/25/2022
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	22-022	05/11/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	5/16/2022
21	22-023	05/23/22	Impropriety/Ex Parte Communications	Dismissed	7/25/2022
21	22-024	06/10/22	Essential Conduct/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/25/2022
25	22-025	06/16/22	Essential Conduct/Partisan Politics	Pending	
	22-026	07/05/22	Ex Parte/Judicial Opinion/Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	7/25/2022
18	22-027	07/18/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/25/2022
	22-028	07/20/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	7/25/2022
1	22-029	07/20/22	Impropriety/Delay	Dismissed	7/25/2022
14	22-030	07/27/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-031	07/27/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-032	07/27/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-033	07/27/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022

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22	22-035	07/27/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-036	08/01/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/19/2022
23	22-037	08/02/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
24	22-038	08/05/22	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
7	22-039	08/08/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/19/2022
14	22-040	08/09/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
20	22-041	08/09/22	Court Organization	Dismissed	9/19/2022
5	22-042	08/17/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
6	22-043	08/18/22	Impropriety	Withdrawn by Complainant	9/6/2022
10	22-044	08/18/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
16	22-045	08/19/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/19/2022
10	22-046	08/22/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-047	08/22/22	Delay/Court Organization	Pending	
10	22-048	08/22/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
10	22-049	08/22/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
5	22-050	08/25/22	Essential Conduct	Pending	
10	22-051	08/30/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-052	08/30/22	Partisan Politics	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-053	08/30/22	Partisan Politics	Dismissed	9/19/2022
4	22-054	08/31/22	Impartiality/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
22	22-055	09/06/22	Partisan Politics	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-056	09/13/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	11/14/2022
10	22-057	09/15/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	11/14/2022
14	22-058	09/22/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	11/14/2022
6	22-059	09/26/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety	Dismissed	11/14/2022
	22-060	09/28/22	Judicial Opinion/Essential Conduct/Impropriety/ Ex-Parte Communication/Delay/Unprofessional Conduct of Attorneys and Counsel	Dismissed	11/14/2022
15	22-061	09/26/22	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	11/14/2022
	22-062	09/28/22	No misconduct noted on Form	Dismissed	11/14/2022
	22-063	10/11/22	Partison Politics	Dismissed	11/14/2022
11	22-064	10/11/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	11/14/2022
22	22-065	10/14/22	Partisan Politics	Pending	
22	22-066	10/17/22	Impropriety	Pending	
22	22-067	10/17/22	Impropriety	Pending	
25	22-068	10/18/22	Impropriety/Ex Parte Communications	Dismissed	11/14/2022
16	22-069	10/25/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	11/14/2022
	22-070	10/28/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	11/14/2022
21	22-071	10/28/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	11/14/2022
7	22-072	10/31/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	11/14/2022
11	22-073	10/31/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	11/14/2022
24	22-074	11/17/22	Judicial Opinion/Delay	Pending	
3	22-075	11/25/22	Judicial Opinion	Pending	
26	22-076	11/25/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety	Pending	

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15	22-077	11/30/22	Judicial Opinion	Pending	
6	22-078	12/12/22	Impropriety	Pending	
	22-079	12/13/22	Impropriety	Pending	
1	22-080	12/20/22	Essential Conduct/Judicial Opinion	Pending	
26	22-081	12/27/2022	Impropriety/Delay/Court Organization	Pending	

§3-1-1126, MCA. Commission report to legislature. (1) The commission shall, as provided in 5-11-210, submit to the legislature a report containing ***(d) whether there have been previous complaints against the same judge and, if so, the general nature of the previous complaints.**

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1	22-015	03/28/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	5/16/2022
1	22-029	07/20/22	Impropriety/Delay	Dismissed	7/25/2022
1	22-080	12/20/22	Essential Conduct/Judicial Opinion	Pending	
2	21-015	05/26/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	7/12/2021
2	22-017	04/15/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	5/16/2022
3	21-007	03/23/21	Competence, Diligence, Cooperation	Dismissed	5/3/2021
3	22-075	11/25/22	Judicial Opinion	Pending	
4	20-041	12/14/20	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	1/25/2021
4	20-042	12/14/20	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	1/25/2021
4	21-030	08/03/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/20/2021
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5	22-042	08/17/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
5	22-050	08/25/22	Essential Conduct	Pending	
6	21-010	04/19/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	5/3/2021
6	21-039	10/18/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	11/22/2021
6	22-043	08/18/22	Impropriety	Withdrawn by Complainant	9/6/2022
6	22-059	09/26/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety	Dismissed	11/14/2022
6	22-078	12/12/22	Impropriety	Pending	
7	22-039	08/08/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/19/2022
7	22-072	10/31/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	11/14/2022
8	21-012	05/12/21	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/12/2021
8	21-031	08/09/21	Delay/Impropriety	Dismissed	9/20/2021
8	22-011	03/09/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety	Dismissed	3/26/2022
9	21-011	04/21/21	Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	5/3/2021
9	22-001	01/07/22	Essential Conduct	Resigned/Dismissed	11/14/2022
10	22-044	08/18/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
10	22-046	08/22/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
10	22-048	08/22/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
10	22-049	08/22/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
10	22-051	08/30/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
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12	21-029	08/03/21	Essential Conduct/Ex Parte Communication	Dismissed	9/27/2021
12	21-042	12/02/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
12	21-043	12/02/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
12	21-044	12/02/21	Essential Conduct/Partisan Politics	Dismissed	9/19/2022
12	21-046	12/08/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/19/2022

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12	22-002	01/11/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
13	21-036	10/04/21	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	11/22/2021
13	22-014	03/25/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	5/16/2022
14	22-030	07/27/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
14	22-040	08/09/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
14	22-058	09/22/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	11/14/2022
15	21-023	07/06/21	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/12/2021
15	22-009	03/02/22	Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	3/26/2022
15	22-061	09/26/22	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	11/14/2022
15	22-077	11/30/22	Judicial Opinion	Pending	
16	22-045	08/19/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/19/2022
16	22-069	10/25/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	11/14/2022
17	20-040	12/14/20	Impropriety/Ex Parte Communications	Dismissed	1/25/2021
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18	21-014	05/24/21	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/12/2021
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18	21-048	12/27/21	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	1/24/2022
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19	22-005	02/04/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	3/26/2022
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21	22-016	04/07/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety	Dismissed	5/16/2022
21	22-023	05/23/22	Impropriety/Ex Parte Communications	Dismissed	7/25/2022
21	22-024	06/10/22	Essential Conduct/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/25/2022
21	22-071	10/28/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	11/14/2022
22	22-035	07/27/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
22	22-055	09/06/22	Partisan Politics	Dismissed	9/19/2022
22	22-065	10/14/22	Partisan Politics	Pending	
22	22-066	10/17/22	Impropriety	Pending	
22	22-067	10/17/22	Impropriety	Pending	
23	22-007	02/22/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	3/26/2022
23	22-021	05/09/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	5/16/2022
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24	22-038	08/05/22	Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/19/2022
24	22-074	11/17/22	Judicial Opinion/Delay	Pending	
25	21-019	06/23/21	Impropriety/Ex Parte Communications	Dismissed	7/12/2021
25	21-035	08/26/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion/Delay	Dismissed	9/20/2021
25	22-012	03/14/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	3/26/2022
25	22-025	06/16/22	Essential Conduct/Partisan Politics	Pending	
25	22-068	10/18/22	Impropriety/Ex Parte Communications	Dismissed	11/14/2022
26	22-076	11/25/22	Judicial Opinion/Impropriety	Pending	
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	21-017	06/02/21	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	7/12/2021
	21-018	06/09/21	Delay	Dismissed	9/20/2021
	21-022	06/28/21	Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	7/12/2021
	21-024	07/07/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	7/12/2021
	21-025	07/12/21	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/20/2021
	21-026	07/14/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/20/2021
	21-028	07/27/21	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/20/2021
	21-032	08/23/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/20/2021
	21-033	08/23/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	9/20/2021
	21-034	08/26/21	Ex-parte Communication/ Essential Conduct	Dismissed	11/22/2021
	21-038	10/13/21	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	11/22/2021
	22-003	01/11/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	1/24/2022
	22-004	01/14/22	Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	3/26/2022
	22-006	02/09/22	Essential Conduct/Impropriety	Dismissed	3/26/2022
	22-008	02/25/22	Impropriety/Ex Parte Communications	Dismissed	3/26/2022
	22-010	03/03/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	3/26/2022
	22-013	03/14/22	Judicial Opinion/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	3/26/2022
	22-018	04/25/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	5/16/2022
	22-019	05/06/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	5/16/2022
	22-020	05/09/22	Impropriety/Judicial Opinion	Dismissed	7/25/2022
	22-022	05/11/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	5/16/2022
	22-026	07/05/22	Ex Parte/Judicial Opinion/ Impropriety/Essential Conduct	Dismissed	7/25/2022
	22-028	07/20/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	7/25/2022
	22-031	07/27/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-032	07/27/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-033	07/27/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-034	07/27/22	Essential Conduct	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-036	08/01/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-047	08/22/22	Delay/Court Organization	Pending	
	22-052	08/30/22	Partisan Politics	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-053	08/30/22	Partisan Politics	Dismissed	9/19/2022
	22-056	09/13/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	11/14/2022
	22-060	09/28/22	Judicial Opinion/Essential Conduct/Impropriety/ Delay/ Ex-Parte Communication/ Unprofessional Conduct of Attorneys and Counsel	Dismissed	11/14/2022

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(d)*	Case No.	Date Filed	Type of Complaint	Decision	Date of Decision
	22-062	09/28/22	No misconduct noted on Form	Dismissed	11/14/2022
	22-063	10/11/22	Partison Politics	Dismissed	11/14/2022
	22-070	10/28/22	Impropriety	Dismissed	11/14/2022
	22-079	12/13/22	Impropriety	Pending	

§3-1-1126, MCA. Commission report to legislature. (1) The commission shall, as provided in 5-11-210, submit to the legislature a report containing ***(d) whether there have been previous complaints against the same judge and, if so, the general nature of the previous complaints.**

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