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**HARRISBURG, February 13, 2006** — The Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania today announced its unanimous dismissal of a complaint against Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Ralph J. Cappy filed by Gene Stilp.

Stilp, of the Harrisburg area, asked the constitutionally independent investigatory body last August to look at whether the chief justice violated any rules governing judicial ethical conduct by advocating a new statewide compensation plan for Pennsylvania jurists before members of the General Assembly.

A copy of the JCB press release is attached to this advisory. Also attached is a copy of a letter to the JCB in response to the complaint filed by Stilp.

Questions about content of the release should be directed to W. Thomas McGough Jr., Esq., a Pittsburgh attorney who represented the chief justice before the conduct board. He can be reached at: (412) 288-3088.

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## PRESS RELEASE



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**HARRISBURG, February 13, 2006** – In August 2005, the Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania received allegations that Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy violated the Code of Judicial Conduct through his involvement with the legislative pay raise. The Board unanimously determined that the allegations were without merit and dismissed the claims.

For more information about the Judicial Conduct Board, please visit our website at [www.jcbpa.org](http://www.jcbpa.org).