



Judicial Conduct Board
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Press Release

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FROM: Richard W. Long
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SUBJECT: Judge Thomas Placey
Court of Common Pleas
Ninth Judicial District
Cumberland County
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Harrisburg -- Today, the Judicial Conduct Board filed formal charges in the Court of Judicial Discipline against Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas Judge Thomas Placey. The Board Complaint alleges violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Under the Pennsylvania Constitution, Judge Placey, as the subject of the charges, is presumed innocent in all proceedings before the Court of Judicial Discipline. The Board has the burden of proving the charges filed in the Court of Judicial Discipline by clear and convincing evidence.

In accordance with the rules which govern proceedings before the Court of Judicial Discipline, Judge Placey has the right to respond to the charges, to obtain and inspect the evidence which forms the basis of the allegations, and to a public trial before the Court of Judicial Discipline.

Upon completion of the trial, if the Court determines that any of the charges have been proven by clear and convincing evidence, it will schedule a hearing to determine what sanction, if any, should be imposed. Possible sanctions include censure, suspension, fine or removal from office.

Please visit the Court of Judicial Discipline website at <http://www.pacourts.us/courts/court-of-judicial-discipline> (select the "Court Cases" tab under "References") to view the Board Complaint.

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Board: Melissa L. Norton, Deputy Counsel

Judge: To be announced

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