



Judicial Qualifications Commission
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VIA U.S. MAIL

Derrick Williamson
1280 Broughton Trl.
Newborn, GA 30012

Re: Complaint No. 2023-691

Dear Mr. Williamson,

The Judicial Qualifications Commission has reviewed the above-referenced complaint which you submitted against Judge Connie Holt

The disciplinary system of the Judicial Qualifications Commission serves many purposes: to protect the public; 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 ethical conduct both on and off the bench. One of the most important ways the Commission accomplishes its mission is through our review of complaints, and if warranted, the subsequent investigation and prosecution of allegations of judicial misconduct.

Judicial misconduct involves the willful or persistent violation of the provisions contained in the Georgia Constitution, statutes, or the Georgia Code of Judicial Conduct by a person holding judicial office, one authorized to perform judicial functions, or a judicial candidate, at the time of the offense. If, pursuant to Rule 17 of the Judicial Qualifications Commission of Georgia, the Director's initial review of a complaint indicates a violation or potential violation of these rules, a preliminary investigation will be conducted.

Some allegations, even if true, do not rise to the level of judicial misconduct. For example, as a general rule, complaints about a judge's rulings regarding an eviction or someone's legal claim to property, are not subject to review by the Commission, which has no authority to intervene in a court case or change a judge's discretionary rulings. Since the

Commission cannot act as an appellate court, complaints relating to a judge's discretionary rulings will be dismissed for failure to allege judicial misconduct. Such alleged errors are reviewed and corrected by the appellate courts, not the Commission.

After reviewing and evaluating the information you submitted, the Director has determined that the information provided in your complaint does not identify an allegation which amounts to a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Additionally, statements of opinion, speculative assertions and conclusory allegations of conspiracies and collusion do not constitute facts and are not sufficient to warrant further investigation. Accordingly, and pursuant to Rule 17 of the Judicial Qualifications Commission of Georgia, the Director has dismissed the above-referenced complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. M. Veal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Courtney M. Veal
Director
Judicial Qualifications Commission

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