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Welcome to the official web site for the State of Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission

The Judicial Tenure Commission serves to promote the integrity of the judicial process and preserve public confidence in the courts. Michigan created the Commission when voters passed an amendment to Article 6, § 30 of the Michigan Constitution in August, 1968. The enabling court rule is now codified in MCR 9.200.

The Commission strives to hold state judges, magistrates, and referees accountable for their misconduct without jeopardizing or compromising the essential independence of the judiciary. The basis for Commission action is a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct or Rules of Professional Conduct, which are published with the Michigan Rules of Court.

Commission Meetings
The Commission generally meets on the second Monday of each month, unless otherwise decided by the Commission. There is usually no meeting in the month of August. Meetings are not open to the public, unless the Commission is conducting a public hearing as required in formal complaint proceedings. The dates for the Commission meetings in 2008 are:

January 14	July 14
February 11	(No August meeting)
March 10	September 8
April 14	October 13
May 12	November 10
June 16	December 8

What's New

Commission issues Decision and Recommendation in Formal Complaint No. 84, Hon. Steven R. Servaas

Michigan Supreme Court decision in Formal Complaint No. 83, Hon. Mary Brouillette Barglind

If you have a complaint concerning a Michigan state judge, magistrate, or referee, please click on "How to File a Grievance" at left for a Request for Investigation form, and submission instructions. The "Complaint Process" and "FAQs" pages may also be useful resources.

If you have a complaint concerning an attorney practicing in Michigan, contact the:

Attorney Grievance Commission
243 West Congress, Suite 256
Marquette Building
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 961-6585
www.agcmi.com

If you have a complaint concerning a federal judge sitting in Michigan, contact the:

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
Office of the Circuit Executive
503 Potter Stewart U.S. Courthouse
100 E. Fifth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3988
(513) 564-7000
US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

(To view the rules regarding complaints based on judicial misconduct or disability on the Sixth Circuit website, click on "Judicial Complaint" under the "CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE" heading on the left.)

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