



**FOR JSC OFFICIAL USE ONLY:**

Complaint No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Judicial Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Panel: A B

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

### **COMPLAINT FORM**

#### **I. READ BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM:**

1. **Only Some Judges and Judicial Officials are Subject to the Commission's Jurisdiction:** The North Carolina Judicial Standards Commission investigates complaints of judicial misconduct against judges and justices of the North Carolina General Court of Justice (District Courts, Superior Courts, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court) and commissioners and deputy commissioners of the North Carolina Industrial Commission. The Commission has no jurisdiction to hear complaints about magistrates, clerks of court or other court staff, administrative law judges, attorneys or federal judges.
2. **A Complaint is Not a Substitute for Appealing a Judge's Order:** Your complaint is not an appeal of a judge's decision and the Commission has no authority to change or alter a court order. **Appealing a decision is subject to strict procedures and time limits.** You should consult with an attorney if you seek legal relief from a court order.
3. **The Commission Cannot Remove a Judge From Your Case.** The Commission has no authority to order a new judge to be assigned to your case. In addition, please be advised that filing this confidential complaint does not mean that the judge is automatically required to recuse himself/herself from hearing your case.
4. **Your Complaint and All Commission Proceedings are Confidential.** North Carolina law and Commission rules require that the investigation of complaints of judicial misconduct, as well as the proceedings that occur before the Commission, remain confidential. If the Supreme Court accepts the Commission's recommendation and imposes discipline upon a judge, the pleadings, the recommendation and the record are no longer confidential. Anyone who discloses confidential information of the Commission may be subject to punishment for contempt.

**II. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING A COMPLAINT:**

1. Complaints can be submitted either by mailing a printed form to the Commission or submitting it electronically on the Commission’s website. Printed Complaint Forms must be either typed or written in clear and legible handwriting and mailed to the Commission as follows:

North Carolina Judicial Standards Commission  
P.O. Box 1122  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

2. Do not mail any original documents to the Commission, and keep a copy of your complaint and any attachments you send us for your files. The Commission does not return documents once filed.

**III. COMPLAINANT INFORMATION:**

1. Your name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. INFORMATION ABOUT THE JUDGE:**

1. Name of judge (if you have a complaint about more than one judge, fill out one complaint form for each judge): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Court (select one):  
 District Court       Superior Court       North Carolina Court of Appeals  
 Supreme Court of North Carolina       NC Industrial Commission  
 I don’t know

**V. DESCRIPTION OF THE ALLEGED MISCONDUCT**

1. Does your complaint relate to a court case?  YES  NO  
If yes, please answer the questions below to the best of your ability. If this complaint does not relate to a case, please proceed to question 2.

**Case Information:**

- Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

- What kind of case is it? Criminal Domestic/Family Other Civil  
Small Claims Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- For litigants, did you have a lawyer in this case?  YES  NO

If yes, please provide the name(s) and contact information if (you may attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please describe the alleged misconduct. **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE DATES** on which such misconduct occurred. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

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3. **ATTACHMENTS/DOCUMENTATION:** In the space provided or on a separate page, list any documents or other items (such as audio or video recordings) you are including with this complaint. **DO NOT ATTACH ORIGINALS** - documents and recordings will **NOT** be returned to you. Only attach documents that support your contentions - do not attach the entire court file unless it is relevant.

## VI. CERTIFICATION

I declare, under the penalties of perjury, that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made above and on any attached pages are true and correct.

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. How did you hear about us? Internet search North Carolina State Bar  
Clerk's Office Friend Attorney Other: \_\_\_\_\_