

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION

PRIVATE REPRIMAND

The Commission issues this private reprimand to a judge for violation of SCR 4.300, the Code of Judicial Conduct.

The Commission received information during an informal investigation that the judge exerted the influence of the judge's office in regard to the employment of certain individuals. Canon 2D of the Code of Judicial Conduct provides that a judge "shall not lend the prestige of judicial office to advance the private interests of the judge or others."

The judge acknowledged that the conduct in question is in violation of Canon 2D and agreed to this private reprimand. Therefore, the Commission finds that by the above conduct the judge violated Canon 2D of the Code of Judicial Conduct and is hereby privately reprimanded.

In issuing this order, the Commission duly considered that the judge had no prior infractions, fully cooperated in the investigation and pledged that the conduct would not be repeated.

This order is issued the 28th day of September, 2012.


STEPHEN D. WOLNITZER, CHAIR