

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION**

ORDER OF PRIVATE REPRIMAND

The Commission issues this order of private reprimand to a judge for violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, SCR 4.300, Canons 2D and 5(A)(1)(c).

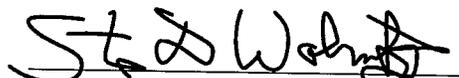
The judge "liked" the Facebook pages of lawyers and law firms in violation of Canon 2D which prohibits judges from conveying the impression that others are in a special position to influence the judge. The judge also "liked" the Facebook pages of candidates for elected office in violation of Canon 5(A)(1)(c) which prohibits a judge from publicly endorsing a candidate for public office.

The judge informed the Commission that the public "likes" of the Facebook pages in question were made prior to taking judicial office and that the judge was unaware of how to edit the Facebook page. The judge has certified that the judge will obtain assistance in removing the improper material from Facebook and will refrain from such conduct in the future.

The Commission appreciates the judge's candor and willingness to take immediate corrective action. However, all judges must be sensitive when utilizing social media so as to not violate the Code of Judicial Conduct. Based upon the foregoing conduct, the judge is hereby privately reprimanded.

In issuing this private reprimand, the Commission duly considered that the judge fully cooperated in the investigation and had no prior infractions.

Date: April 2, 2015


Stephen D. Wolnitzek, Chair