

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION**

IN RE THE MATTER OF:

**JENNIFER H. LEIBSON, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
30TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

AGREED ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Jennifer H. Leibson is a District Court Judge for Kentucky's 30th Judicial Circuit consisting of Jefferson County. Judge Leibson has waived formal proceedings and has agreed to this disposition.

On February 6, 2017, Judge Leibson self-reported to the Commission that on January 19, 2017, as a joke, she held attorney Scott Barton in contempt for adding 37 expungement cases to her docket in contravention of a "No Add-On" Order for the day, despite the fact that Mr. Barton was not responsible for placing cases on the docket. Judge Leibson directed Mr. Barton to exit the courtroom with courtroom security where he was held in a holdover area for approximately five minutes. This was done in open court in the presence of others in the courtroom that day. After the attorney was escorted out of the courtroom, Judge Leibson informed the courtroom she did this as a joke.

The Commission concludes that Judge Leibson's conduct violated SCR 4.020(1)(b)(i) by engaging in misconduct in office. The Commission further concludes that Judge Leibson violated SCR 4.300 and the relevant portions of the following Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct:

Canon 1 which requires judges to maintain high standards of conduct and uphold the integrity and independence of the Judiciary.

Canon 2A which requires judges to respect and comply with the law and act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.

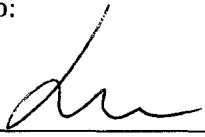
Based on the foregoing conduct, Judge Leibson is hereby publicly reprimanded. In making the disposition in this Order, the Commission duly considered that Judge Leibson self-reported this incident, fully cooperated in the matter and pledged the offending conduct will not be repeated.

Date: 4/13/17

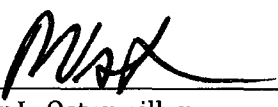

STEPHEN D. WOLNITZEK, CHAIR

Mr. Kent Westberry recused from any consideration of this matter.

Agreed to:



Hon. Jennifer H. Leibson



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