Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
2022														
21-029	12/02/21	Jean Kerr	City Court Judge	Laurel	Juliane Lore	Essential Conduct Ex Parte Communication	Civil Case	Rule 2.9	Investigated - Dismissed	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb: Dismiss	9/19/2022
21-041	11/01/21	Shane Vanetta	District Court Judge	Missoula	Jessica Parmiter	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil Case - Landlord/Tenant	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Jenny Eck, Roger Webb: Dismiss	1/24/2022
21-042	12/02/21	Jean Kerr	City Court Judge	Laurel	Juliane Lore	Impropriety Judicial Opinion Essential Conduct	Civil Case	Rule 2.5	Investigated - Violation of Canon 1, Rule 1.1		None	One (1) year probation with Mentor Judge	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb: One (1) year probabion with Mentor Judge	9/19/2022
21-043	12/02/21	Jean Kerr	City Court Judge	Laurel	Juliane Lore	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil Case	Rule 2.12	Investigated - Violation of Canon 1, Rule 1.1	None	None	One (1) year probation with Mentor Judge	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb: One (1) year probabion with Mentor Judge	9/19/2022
21-044	12/02/21	Jean Kerr	City Court Judge	Laurel	Juliane Lore	Essential Conduct Partisan Politics	Election Campaign Violation	Rule 1.2, 1.3	Investigated - Dismissed	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb: Dismiss	9/19/2022
21-045	12/02/21	Jean Kerr	City Court Judge	Laurel	Juliane Lore	Essential Conduct	Civil Case	Rule 2.5	Investigated - Dismissed	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb: Dismiss	9/19/2022
21-046	12/08/21	Jean Kerr	City Court Judge	Laurel	Juliane Lore	Impropriety	Criminal - PFMA	Rule 2.2	Investigated - Dismissed	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb: Dismiss	9/19/2022
21-047	12/30/21	Jean Kerr	City Court Judge	Laurel	Juliane Lore	Essential Conduct	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1	Investigated - Dismissed	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb: Dismiss	9/19/2022
22-001	01/07/22	Lori Adams	Municipal Court Judge	Kalispell	Doug Russell	Essential Conduct	Internal Court Conduct	Rule 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3(A)(B), 2.5(A)(B), 2.6(A), 2.8(B), 2.9(D)(2), 3.1(E), 4.1(A)(9)	Requested Response. Judge Replied 02/23/2022. Investigated. Judge Resigned 09/23/2022	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/14/2022

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
22-002	01/11/22	Jean Kerr	City Court Judge	Laurel	Juliane Lore	Essential Conduct	Criminal - PFMA	Rule 2.5(A)	Investigated - Violation of Canon 2, Rule 2.5(A)	None	None	One (1) year probation with Mentor Judge	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb: One (1) year probabion with Mentor Judge	9/19/2022
22-025	06/16/22	Michael McMahon	District Court Judge	Helena	Matthew Monforton	Essential Conduct Partisan Politics	Campaign Issues	Rule. 2.6(A), 4.1(A)(9)	Requested Response. Judge Replied 08/10/2022. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023
22-047	08/22/22	Deborah Kim Christopher	District Court Judge	Polson	Steven N. Eschenbacher	Court Organization Delay	Failure to Attend Court or Issue Orders	Rule 2.5	Investigated - Formal Complaint PR 24-0035 filed 01/16/2024. Judge Retired 03/15/2024 Notice of Dismissal of Complaint filed 08/21/2024	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	8/21/2024
22-050	08/25/22	Ray Dayton	District Court Judge	Anaconda	Ben Krakowka	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Derogitory Remark of Witness	Rule 1.2, 2.2, 2.11	Requested Response. Judge Replied 10/14/2022. Investigated - Public Reprimand & 30 day suspension without pay.	Stipulated Agreement filed with the Supreme Court 04/06/2023	Public Reprimand and Suspension of 30 days without pay - 05/02/2023	Public Reprimand and Suspension Unler Rule 10(G) of the JSC Procedural Rules - 30 day suspension without pay	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Bergle: Public Reprimand and 30 day suspension without pay Hon. Randal Spaulding: Private Admonition and 6 months of probation and sensitivity class.	5/15/2023
22-065	10/14/22	Ingrid Gustafson	Supreme Court Justice	Helena	Matthew Monforton	Essential Conduct Partisan Politics	Election Campaign Violation	Rule 4.1(A)(9)		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023
22-066	10/17/22	Ingrid Gustafson	Supreme Court Justice	Helena	Jacob Eaton	Impropriety	Judicial Ruling/Election	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.12A.4	Requested Response. Counsel for Judge Replied 01/02/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023
22-067	10/17/22	Ingrid Gustafson	Supreme Court Justice	Helena	Jacob Eaton	Impropriety	Judicial Ruling/Election	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.12(A)(4)	Requested Response. Counsel for Judge Replied 01/02/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023
22-074	11/17/22	Shane Vanetta	District Court Judge	Missoula	Maura Quinn-Stobie	Delay Judicial Opinion	Civil - Estate	Rule 2.2, 2.3, 2.7, 2.16		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
22-075	11/25/22	Jay C. Sheffield	Justice of the Peace	Libby	Kristen J. Williams	Judicial Opinion	Criminal - Fees	No Canon Rule violations noted. Claim of Imposed fines against statute/Claim of Illegal service as Justice of the Peace		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023
22-076	11/25/22	Donald Harris	District Court Judge	Billings	Gilbert Campa #29578	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023
22-077	11/30/22	Dan Wilson	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Peter Grigg	Judicial Opinion	Civil - Fees	No Canon Rule violations noted. Claim of "Violation of Judicial Canon - Socio-Economic Discrimination"		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023
22-078	12/12/22	Rod Souza	District Court Judge	Billings	Frank Mascarena	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3(1), 2.2(1-5); 2.7(1), 2.12(A)(1) Comment (2), 2.13(1), 2.16(A)(C)		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023
22-079	12/13/22	Ashley Harada	District Court Judge	Billings	Rex W. Allen #3012295	Impropriety	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	Rule 2.9(c), 2.6, 2.12, 2.16(B), 2.3		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023
22-080	12/20/22	Mary Jane Knisely	District Court Judge	Billings	Brian D. Hicks	Essential Conduct Judicial Opinion	Criminal (YCDF Inmate)	Rule 2.15, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 3.6, 1.2, 2.6, 2.12, 2.13, 2.3, 2.9, 2.16; 2.11		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023
22-081	12/27/22	Donald Harris	District Court Judge	Billings	Michael Elkshoulder	Impropriety	Criminal (YCDF Inmate)	Rule 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.7		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/23/2023
2023														
23-001	01/30/23	Stormy Langston	City Court Judge	Eureka	Timmy Lee Fugate	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - TRO	No Canon Rule violations noted. Judge issued Order of Protection		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/20/2023
23-002	02/03/23	Melissa Gallagher	Justice of the Peace/ City Court Judge	Deer Lodge	Richard Patterson	Delay Essential Conduct Impropriety	Criminal (MSP inmate)	Rule 2.3, 2.5, 2.6		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/20/2023

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
23-003	02/03/23	Barbara Benson	Special Master	Libby	Peter Grigg	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Violation of Constitutional Rights / Violation of Due Process		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/20/2023
23-004	02/14/23	Christopher Abbottt	District Court Judge	Helena	Gregory Dale Scheele	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal	No Canon Rule violations noted. Bias / upset with Court appointed counsel		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/20/2023
23-005	02/16/23	John Parker	District Court Judge	Great Falls	Jada Ku	Impropriety	Civil - Transcripts	Rule 2.2, 2.6		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/20/2023
23-006	02/21/23	Heidi Ulbricht	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Anthony Weimer	Delay Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal (Defendant in detention center)	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.12		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/20/2023
23-007	02/27/23	Luke Berger	District Court Judge	Boulder	Kalene Bowser	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal (Defendant in detention center)	Canon 2 - Rule 2.2		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/20/2023
23-008	03/06/23	Robert Allison	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Margaret Ronshaugen	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations/Child Custody	Rule 1.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, 2.10, 2.12, 2.13, 2.14, 2.16		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/20/2023
23-009	04/03/23	Eric Hummel	Justice of the Peace	Kalispell	Mark Weston Catherine Dolbin	Judicial Opinion	Civil - Order of Protection	No Canon Rule violations noted. Violation of private property rights.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	7/24/2023
23-010	04/07/23	Paul Sullivan	Justice of the Peace	Kalispell	Michelle Squire Rave	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal - Contempt	No Canon Rule violations noted. Bias		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023
23-011	04/07/23	Jeff Greenwell (sub)	Justice of the Peace	Kalispell	Michelle Squire Rave	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal	No Canon Rule violations noted. Discrimination		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023
23-012	04/07/23	Eric Hummel	Justice of the Peace	Kalispell	Michelle Squire Rave	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Bias		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
23-013	04/10/23	Nikolas Murnion	District Court Judge	Forsyth	Cassie Nez Perce	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.2, 2.2		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023
23-014	04/11/23	Linda Canton	Justice of the Peace	Livingston	Kimberly Testa	Essential Conduct	Civil	Canon 1 - Judge shared email address		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023
23-015	04/11/23	Linda Canton	Justice of the Peace	Livingston	Sandra Testa	Essential Conduct	Civil	Canon 1 - Judge shared email address		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023
23-016	04/12/23	Landee Holloway	Justice of the Peace	Missoula	Kirsten (Kiki) Swingley	Essential Conduct Impropriety	VWC rights re Service Animal	Canon 1, Rule 1.1; Canon 2, Rule 2.3		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spaulidng, Seth Berglee:	5/15/2023
23-017	04/21/23	Laurie McKinnon	Supreme Court Justice	Helena	Raymond Vanden Bos	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	Rule 1.1. 1.2. 2.12, 2.13. 2.14, 2.16, 2.17, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.9, 2.10, 3.1		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023
23-018	04/21/23	Cody Shaw	Justice of the Peace	Conrad	Raymond Vanden Bos	Impropriety	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	Rule 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.12, 2.17		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023
23-019	04/21/23	Robert Olson	District Court Judge	Cut Bank	Raymond Vanden Bos	Impropriety	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.9, 2.10, 2.12, 2.13, 2.16, 2.17		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023
23-020	05/03/23	Kerry Burman	City Court Judge	Glendive	Otmar Wittine	Essential Conduct Judicial Opinion	Civil - Traffic Citation (Dawson Co. Cor. Fac. Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Alleged Judge entered plea on his behalf.	Requested Response. Judge Replied 05/26/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	7/24/2023
23-021	05/09/23	Jay C. Sheffield	Justice of the Peace	Libby	Peter Grigg	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Collections	No Canon Rule violations noted. Defamation, bias, prejudice, discrimination, excessive punishment, socioeconimic and financial discrimination		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
23-022	05/10/23	Laurie Grygiel	Standing Master	Billings	Mitchell R. Milliken	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.6, 2.10, 2.12		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023
23-023	05/10/23	Stormy Langston	City Court Judge	Eureka	Timmy Lee Fugate	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Order of Protection	Rule 1.1, Montana Rules of Evidence		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023
23-024	05/10/23	Stormy Langston	City Court Judge	Eureka	Timmy Lee Fugate	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Order of Protection	Rule 1.1, Montana Rules of Evidence		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/15/2023
23-025	05/11/23	Shane Vanetta	District Court Judge	Missoula	Mingjie Zhai	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Landlord/Tenant	Rule 3.3, 3.5		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	7/24/2023
23-026	05/15/23	Dan Wilson	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Angela Marie Kress	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Order of Protection	No Canon Rule violations noted. Financial discrimination, Montana Rules of Evidence		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	7/24/2023
23-027	05/22/23	J. Colleen Herrington	Municipal Court Judge	Bozeman	Annie M. DeWolf	Court Organization Essential Conduct Unprofessional Conduct of Attorneys and Counsel	Civil	Rule 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.8, 2.12	Requested Response. Judge Replied 09/14/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/3/2023
23-028	05/24/23	Kady Snipes-Ruiz	District Court Judge	Livingston	Sheila Forshee	Impropriety	Civil - Probate/Commercial Property	No Canon Rule violations noted. Bias	Requested Response. Judge Replied 08/25/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/3/2023
23-029	05/26/23	Michael Swingley	Justice of the Peace	Helena	Marissa Harrington	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Civil - Violation of Vicious Dog Ordinance	No Canon Rule violations noted. Bias		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	7/24/2023
23-030	05/31/23	Mike Menahan	District Court Judge	Helena	Jeff Laszloffy	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Civil	Rule 1.2, 2.12, 2.12(A), 2.12(5)(B)	Requested Response. Judge Replied 08/25/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Randal Spaulding, Hon. Jessica Fehr, Jill Gerdrum, Peg Allison: Dismiss Roger Webb: Investigate Hon. Mike Menahan:	11/20/2023

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
23-031	06/01/23	Ray Dayton	District Court Judge	Anaconda	Skyler L. Griebel	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Criminal	Rule 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	7/27/2023
23-032	06/12/23	Dan Wilson	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Brian Bailey	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8, 2.10, 2.13,		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	7/24/2023
23-033	06/12/23	Amy Eddy	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Brian Bailey	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8, 2.10, 2.13,		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	7/24/2023
23-034	06/20/23	Ashley Harada	District Court Judge	Billings	Chad Meeks	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal (YCDF Inmate)	Rule 2.2, 2.3, 2.6, 2.8, 2.10		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	7/24/2023
23-035	06/21/23	Michael Hayworth	District Court Judge	Miles City	Benjamin D. Martin	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.9, 2.11, 2.12, 2.16, 3.7		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	7/24/2023
23-036	06/29/23	Leslie Halligan	District Court Judge	Missoula	Nathaniel Leggitt	Court Organization Impropriety	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 2.2, 2.3, 3.10	Requested Response. Judge Replied 08/29/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/3/2023
23-037	07/10/23	Mike Menahan	District Court Judge	Helena	Jesse Allen Thomas	Ex Parte Communication Impropriety	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	Bias - Judge refused to reassign counsel		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Mike Menahan: Recused	7/24/2023
23-038	07/17/23	Magdalena Bowen	Standing Master	Bozeman	Elizabeth Peterson	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Bias - Canons 1 - 4	Requested Response. Judge Replied 11/13/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-039	07/18/23	John Brown	District Court Judge	Bozeman	Elizabeth Peterson	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Bias - Canons 1 & 2	Requested Response. Judge Replied 11/09/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
23-040	07/18/23	Rienne McElyea	District Court Judge	Bozeman	Elizabeth Peterson	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Civil - Domestic Relations	Bias - Canons 1 & 2		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Jill Gerdrum - Not present/excused	10/3/2023
23-041	07/18/23	Peter Ohman	District Court Judge	Bozeman	Elizabeth Peterson	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Civil - Domestic Relations	Bias - Canons 1 & 2		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Jill Gerdrum - Not present/excused	10/3/2023
23-042	07/18/23	Andrew Breuner	District Court Judge	Bozeman	Elizabeth Peterson	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Civil - Domestic Relations	Bias - Canons 1 & 2		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Jill Gerdrum - Not present/excused	10/3/2023
23-043	07/25/23	Jeremiah Lynch	Judicial Candidate	Helena	Jacob Eaton	Essential Conduct	Candidacy for Election	Rule 1.1, 4.1, 4.2	Requested Response. Judge Replied 11/13/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-044	07/26/23	Alison Howard	Municipal Court Judge	Kalispell	Brian Owens	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.12, 2.9		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Jill Gerdrum - Not present/excused	10/3/2023
23-045	08/03/23	Jason Marks	District Court Judge	Missoula	Seth Kucharski	Impropriety	Civil	Rule 1.2, 2.1, 2.4, 2.12	Requested Response. Judge Replied 10/17/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/22/2023
23-046	08/03/23	3rd Judicial District Court Judges x 2; 21st Judicial District Court Judges x 2; MT Supreme Court Judges x 7 (verbatim)			Tracy R. Godfrey	Essential Conduct	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	Rule 1.1		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Jill Gerdrum - Not present/excused	10/3/2023
23-047	08/30/23	Shane Vanetta	District Court Judge	Missoula	Sean Alan Shriner	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	Rule 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.16		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/3/2023

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
23-048	08/30/23	Andrew Breuner	District Court Judge	Bozeman	Jennifer Brick	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 2.16, 3.1, 3.13, 4.1	Requested Response. Judge Replied 11/07/2023. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-049	09/22/23	John Brown	District Court Judge	Bozeman	Alan Todd Ruff	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Criminal (MSP inmate)	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-050	10/12/23	Kathy Seeley	District Court Judge	Helena	Barry M. Usher	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil	Rule 1.1, 2.5		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-051	10/13/23	Magdalena Bowen	Standing Master	Bozeman	Lauren M. Jaime	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	No Canon Rule violations noted. Bias		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-052	10/23/23	John Larson	District Court Judge	Missoula	Gavin Patrick Higgins	Judicial Opnion	Criminal (Warm Springs Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Bias		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-053	10/24/23	Shane Vanetta	District Court Judge	Missoula	Brandon Van Gieson	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal	Bias - Canon 1 and 2		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-054	10/30/23	Shane Vanetta	District Court Judge	Missoula	Patrick Ryerson	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal	Canons 1 - 5		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-055	10/30/23	John Larson	District Court Judge	Missoula	Patrick Ryerson	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal	Canons 1 - 5		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-056	10/31/23	Mary Jane Knisely	District Court Judge	Billings	Abigail Mogen AKA Itchi Ko	Impropriety	Criminal (YCDF Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Discrimination		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-057	10/31/23	Ashley Harada	District Court Judge	Billings	Abigail Mogen AKA Itchi Ko	Impropriety	Criminal (YCDF Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Discrimination		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
23-058	11/13/23	Shane Vanetta	District Court Judge	Missoula	David Van Gieson	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal	Bias - Canon 1 and 2		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-059	11/15/23	Luke Berger	District Court Judge	Boulder	Kalene Bowser	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Criminal (Broadwater Co. Det. Fac. Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Bias		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	11/20/2023
23-060	11/20/23	Jay C. Sheffield	Justice of the Peace	Libby	Eric K. Johnson	Judicial Opnion	Criminal	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/22/2024
23-061	12/04/23	Howard Recht	District Court Judge	Hamilton	Mark Anderson	Impropriety	Civil - Elderly Guardianship	Rule 2.3		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/22/2024
23-062	12/04/23	Scott Burlington	Justice of the Peace	Hamilton	Mark Anderson	Impropriety	Civil - Elderly Guardianship	Rule 2.3		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/22/2024
23-063	12/04/23	Judge Harris(District Court Judge), Fagg (Retired DC Judge), Carter (Justice of the Peace), Watters (Retired DC Judge), Morris (Federal Judge), Christensen (Federal Judge), Haddon (Federal Judge Retired), Molloy(Federal Judge) Knisely (District Judge), Harada (District Judge)	Multiple	Multiple	Dennis Martin Friedt #3015408	Judicial Opinion	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling. Alleged Double Jeapordy		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/22/2024
23-064	12/08/23	Stormy Langston	Justice of the Peace	Eureka	Donovan Robins	Ex Parte Communication Impropriety	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.9	Requested Response. Judge Replied 02/12/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
23-065	12/11/23	Tasha Morehouse-Mix	City Court Judge	Glasgow	Todd Kolstad	Impropriety	Criminal	No Canon Rule violations noted. Alleged Jury Stacking		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/22/2024
23-066	12/14/23	Brenda Gilbert	District Court Judge	Livingston	Chad Stone	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.6, 2.9, 2.10, 2.12		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/22/2024
23-067	12/18/23	Dan Wilson	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Nick Aemisegger, Jr.	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Criminal	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8, 2.10, 2.13	Requested Response. Judge Replied 02/26/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024
23-068	12/18/23	Elizabeth Best, Former Judge Gregory Pinski, Standing Master Charlotte Beatty (Verbatim)	District Court Judge	Great Falls	Patrick Ryerson	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal; Civil - Domestic Relations	Canons 1 - 5		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/22/2024
2024														
24-001	01/02/24	Jennifer Lint	District Court Judge	Hamilton	Craig Amaral	Delay	Civil - Property	No Canon Rule violations noted. Bias	Requested Response. Judge Replied 02/20/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024
24-002	01/08/24	Heather Perry	District Court Judge	Lewistown	Dennis M. Metcalf	Judicial Opinion	Not indicated	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/22/2024
24-003	01/08/24	Heidi Ulbricht	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Kermit Ty Poulson	Judicial Opinion	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Alleged violation of ADA of 1990 Rehab act of 504		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/22/2024
24-004	01/11/24	Mark Piskolich	Justice of the Peace	Helena	Heather D. Prody	Essential Conduct	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Alleged report of abuse by Judge	Requested Response. Judge Replied 01/31/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024
24-005	01/18/24	Doug Dryden	Justice of the Peace	Thompson Falls	Christine Seibert	Impropriety	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling. Bias		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	1/22/2024

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
24-006	01/29/24	Heather Perry	District Court Judge	Lewistown	Tonya Lynn Froman	Impropriety	Criminal	No Canon Rule violations noted. Judge proceeded with hearing after Defendant fired counsel		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024
24-007	01/31/24	Heather Perry	District Court Judge	Lewistown	David Allen Pein	Impropriety	Criminal (Fergus Co. Det. Ctr. Inmate)	Rule 2.2		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024
24-008	02/01/24	Jennifer Lint	District Court Judge	Hamilton	Ty M. Gordon	Judicial Opinion	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.Judge posted no bond		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024
24-009	02/12/24	Deborah Kim Christopher	District Court Judge	Polson	Lance P. Jasper REEP, BELL, & JASPER, P.C.	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8, 2.10, 2.12, 2.17, 3.10	Requested Response. Investigated. Judge resigned position March 15, 2024. JSC filed Notice of Dismissal of Complaint with Supreme Court 08/21/2024	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	8/19/2024
24-009	02/12/24	Deborah Kim Christopher	District Court Judge	Polson	Spencer T. MacDonald MacDONALD LAW OFFICE, PLLC	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8, 2.10, 2.12, 2.17, 3.10	Requested Response. Investigated. Judge resigned position March 15, 2024. JSC filed Notice of Dismissal of Complaint with Supreme Court 08/21/2024	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	8/21/2024
24-010	02/15/24	Deborah Kim Christopher	District Court Judge	Polson	Judicial Standards Commission	Essential Conduct	Criminal - Investigation requested by JSC	Engaged in Ex Parte communications	Investigation initiated by JSC. Judge resigned position March 15, 2024. JSC filed Notice of Dismissal of Complaint with Supreme Court 08/21/2024	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	8/21/2024
24-011	02/14/24	Heather Perry	District Court Judge	Lewistown	Bradley Lewis Froman	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Criminal	Rule 1.2, 2.6, 2.6(b), 2.8(b),		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
24-012	02/16/24	Amy Eddy	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Peter Grigg	Impropriety	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Violations of US & MT Consitutional & Civil Rights, Right of Due Procss, Right to Fair Hearing, Right to Appeal, Political and Socioeconmic Discrimination, National Origin		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024
24-013	02/16/24	John Brown	District Court Judge	Bozeman	Daniel R. Wood	Delay	Civil case regarding Criminal Matter	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.5(A), 2.6(A), 2.7, 2.13(A)	Requested Response. Judge Replied 05/07/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-014	02/20/24	Deborah Kim Christopher	District Court Judge	Polson	James D. Murphy	Delay Essential Conduct	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling. Failure to Recuse from Case	Judge resigned position March 15, 2024.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	8/19/2024
24-015	02/22/24	Brenda Gilbert	District Court Judge	Livingston	Jane Ellen Laurence	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations Child Custody	Canon 1.2, Canon 2		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024
24-016	02/26/24	Olivia Rieger	District Court Judge	Glendive	Melissa L. Buxbaum	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.9, 2.12		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024
24-017	02/26/24	Kaydee Snipes-Ruiz	District Court Judge	Havre	Melissa L. Buxbaum	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.3,.2.5, 2.6, 2.13, 3.1, 3.5		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	3/25/2024
24-018	03/04/24	Jean Kerr	City Court Judge	Laurel	Dave Waggoner	Compliance with the Law Promoting Confidence in the Judiciary	DOLI HR Case - Dismissed	Rule 1.1, 1.2	Requested Response. Judge Replied 04/26/2024. No violation of Canons. Matter Resolved by the Dept. of Labor and Industry Human Rights Commission.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	8/19/2024
24-019	03/06/24	Kerry Burman	City Court Judge	Glendive	Jacinda Gregg	Essential Conduct	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling. Bias	Requested Response. Judge Replied 05/15/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	8/19/2024

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
24-020	03/08/24	Michael Larson	City Court Judge	Polson	Edwin R. Meece, City Mgr.	Essential Conduct	Civil	Rule 1.2	Requested Response. Judge Replied 04/20/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spaulding: Private Admonition Jill Gerdrum: Dissent	5/20/2024
24-021	03/11/24	Kelly Mantooth	City Court Judge	Lewistown	Monica A. Gadade	Essential Conduct	Criminal	No Canon Rule violations noted. Demeanor of Judge towards Defendant and Spouse	Requested Response. Judge Replied 04/20/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-022	03/11/24	Deborah Kim Christopher	District Court Judge	Polson	Stefnie Rae Sundvahl	Delay Impropriety	Civil - Revocable Trust	Rule 1.2, 2.2, 2.6, 2.10, 2.16	Judge resigned position March 15, 2024.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	8/19/2024
24-023	03/21/24	Sheila Kolar	Municipal Court Judge	Billings	Jarrett Butler	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal	No Canon Rule violations noted. Defendant not allowed to present evidence in defense.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-024	03/29/24	Alex Beal	Justice of the Peace	Missoula	Donald Gene Harder	Impropriety	Civil - Landlord/Tenant	Rule 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-025	04/01/24	Kathy Seeley	District Court Judge	Helena	Rachell Rene Flores	Impropriety	Criminal (Lewis & Clark Co. Det. Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Bias - Judge refused to recuse from case		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-026	04/03/24	Ernie Bear Don't Walk	Justice of the Peace	Hardin	Susan Kay Pitsch-Bayha	Impropriety	Civil - Landlord/Tenant	Canon 1, 2(A)(B), Canon 3 (a)(b)(c)(d) (A) 3, 4, 5, 6, 3B(4), 3B(6), 3C(1)(d)(iii)		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-027	04/03/24	Jordan Allhands	Justice of the Peace	Virginia City	Kimberly Lynn Nixon	Essential Conduct	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Alleged Judge position to influence County employees		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-028	04/08/24	Michael Swingley	Justice of the Peace	Helena	Rachell Rene Flores	Judicial Opnion	Criminal (Lewis & Clark Co. Det. Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
24-029	04/08/24	Kathy Seeley	District Court Judge	Helena	Rachell Rene Flores	Judicial Opnion	Criminal (Lewis & Clark Co. Det. Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-030	04/29/24	Rick Schoening	Justice of the Peace	Polson	James Lapotka	Essential Conduct Ex Parte Communication Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Internal Court Conduct	Rule 1.2, 2,3, 2.6, 2.9	Requested Response. Judge Replied 06/03/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling - Jury Trial/ Excused	8/19/2024
24-031	04/30/24	Sheila Kolar	Municipal Court Judge	Billings	Gail Florence	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal	No Canon Rule violations noted. Non-party not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-032	05/03/24	John Parker	District Court Judge	Great Falls	Jada Ku	Impropriety	Civil - Discrimination	No Canon Rule violations noted. Documents not sent in timely manner		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-033	05/08/24	Randi Braddock	Justice of the Peace	Dillon	Curtis Carroll	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal - Ticket	Rule 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.14, 2.15, 3.13		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-034	05/08/24	Amy Eddy	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Peter Grigg	Judicial Opinion	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-035	05/13/24	Danni Coffman	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Margaret A. Harman	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	No Canon Rule violations noted. Non-party not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-036	05/13/24	Danni Coffman	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Lee M. Harman	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	No Canon Rule violations noted. Non-party not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	5/20/2024
24-037	05/29/24	Christine Hillman	Justice of the Peace	Glasgow	Morgan Christine Hagerman	Essential Conduct Judicial Opinion	Civil - Small Claims	No Canon Rule violations noted. Judge informed Respondent to only pay partial amount of damage and insurance to pay remainder.	Requested Response. Judge Replied 09/10/2024. Requested Additional Information 10/30/2024. Judge Replied 11/04/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
24-038	06/06/24	Michael Swingley	Justice of the Peace	Helena	John J. Valentine	Essential Conduct Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Judge didn't issue a protection order		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling - Jury Trial/ Excused	8/19/2024
24-039	06/17/24	Alex Beal	Justice of the Peace	Missoula	Kris Hawkins	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Property	Rule 1.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.6, 2.8		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling - Jury Trial/ Excused	8/19/2024
24-040	06/18/24	James Kilmer	Justice of the Peace	Butte	Tyler Brandon Defa	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - TRO	Rule 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.6. Judge denied a TRO against City/County officials		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling - Jury Trial/ Excused	8/19/2024
24-041	06/18/24	Rienne McElyea	District Court Judge	Bozeman	Tyler Brandon Defa	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - TRO	Rule 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.6. Judge denied a TRO against City/County officials		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling - Jury Trial/ Excused	8/19/2024
24-042	06/18/24	Rick West	Justice of the Peace	Bozeman	Tyler Brandon Defa	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - TRO	Rule 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.6. Judge denied a TRO against City/County officials		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling - Jury Trial/ Excused	8/19/2024
24-043	06/20/24	David Cybulski	District Court Judge	Plentywood	Everett A. Johns (Bar #14052)	Essential Conduct	Civil - Domestic Relations DN Case	Rule 1.1, 1.2	Requested Response. Judge Replied 09/25/2024. Violation of Rule 1.2. Letter of Admonition issued 12/09/2024.	None	None	Letter of Admonition	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Letter of Admonition	12/9/2024
24-044	06/25/24	Jennifer Lint	District Court Judge	Hamilton	Joseph J. McNamara #3029098	Impropriety	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling. Judge failed to recuse from criminal case		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling - Jury Trial/ Excused	8/19/2024

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
24-045	06/26/24	Sheila Kolar	Municipal Court Judge	Billings	Neela Walker-Old Elk	Impropriety	Criminal	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling. Bias - Discrimination		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling - Jury Trial/ Excused	8/19/2024
24-046	07/15/24	Karolina G. Tierney	Municipal Court Judge	Bozeman	John J. Looney, Sr.	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.5, 2.6, 3.1	Requested Response. Judge Replied 10/09/2024 and filed addendum response 10/25/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024
24-047	07/17/24	Jay C. Sheffield	Justice of the Peace	Libby	Robert Earl Daniel Rose	Judicial Opinion	Criminal - DUI	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling. Claim of incorrect number of DUIs		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling - Jury Trial/ Excused	8/19/2024
24-048	07/18/24	Charlotte Beatty	Standing Master	Great Falls	Nicole Aline	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 2.2, 2.3, 2.6		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling - Jury Trial/ Excused	8/19/2024
24-049	07/22/24	Mike Menahan	District Court Judge	Helena	Barry M. Usher	Impropriety	Civil	Rule 1.2, 2.12(A), 2.12(5)(B)	Requested Response. Judge Replied 09/11/2024.	None	None	Dismissed	Seth Berglee, Roger Webb: Private Letter of Admonition Hon. Randal Spaulding, Hon. Jessica Fehr, Jill Gerdrum: Dismiss Hon. Mike Menaha: Recused	12/9/2024
24-050	08/14/24	Charlotte Beatty	Standing Master	Great Falls	Sabrina M. Adam	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations Guardianship	No Canon Rule violations noted. Bias. Not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling - Jury Trial/ Excused	8/19/2024
24-051	08/15/24	Robert Allison	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Billee Reis	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations Child Custody	Rule 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6. Refuse to Relinquish case to State of North Carolina.	Requested Response. Judge Replied 10/19/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/21/2024

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
24-052	09/03/24	Cody Shaw	Justice of the Peace	Conrad	Gene E. Solis	Judicial Opinion	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling. Objection to T.O.P.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/21/2024
24-053	09/09/24	Alex Beal	Justice of the Peace	Missoula	Daniel F. Finley	Essential Conduct Judicial Opinion	Civil - Traffic Citation	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling. Tribal law jurisdiction claim by Defendant.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/21/2024
24-054	09/12/24	Robert Allison	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Clayton John Morris	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Criminal - PFMA - Pro Se (Flathead Co. Jail Inmate)	Canons 1, 2 & 3		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/21/2024
24-055	09/16/24	John Lesofksi	Justice of the Peace	White Sulphur Springs	Matthew James Dupont	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Landlord/Tenant law	Rule 2.3(b)	Requested Response. Judge Replied 11/18/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024
24-056	09/17/24	Jason Marks	District Court Judge	Missoula	Ned Bryant Gardner #3008644	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal - PFMA PFO (CCC Inmate)	Rule 1.1, 2.3(A)(B)(C)		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/21/2024
24-057	09/18/24	Peter Ohman	District Court Judge	Bozeman	Michael C. Meisler N.K.A Charles M. Micellar	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal - Pro Se - Stalking	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/21/2024
24-058	09/20/24	Karolina G. Tierney	Municipal Court Judge	Bozeman	John J. Looney, Sr.	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4	Requested Response. Judge Replied 12/05/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024
24-059	09/20/24	J. Colleen Herrington	Municipal Court Judge	Bozeman	John J. Looney, Sr.	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4	Requested Response. Judge Replied 12/05/2024. No violation of Canons.	None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024
24-060	10/03/24	Robert Deschamps	District Court Judge	Missoula	Ricardo Cintas	Essential Conduct Impropriety	Criminal - Pro Se	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling. Racist, Bias		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/21/2024

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
24-061	10/03/24	Randal I. Spaulding	District Court Judge	Roundup	James D. Raths	Impropriety	Civil	Rule 2.5, 2.6		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss Hon. Randal Spauling: Recused	10/21/2024
24-062	10/07/24	Linda Switzer	City Court Judge	Wibaux	Sabrina Kinsey	Ex Parte Communication Impropriety	Civil - No insurance ticket	Rule 1.2, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, 2.11, 2.12, 3.10,		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/21/2024
24-063	10/07/24	Brenda Gilbert	District Court Judge	Livingston	Jeffrey J. Clayton	Delay	Civil - TRO	Rule 2.5(A)		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/21/2024
24-064	10/10/24	Jennifer Lint	District Court Judge	Hamilton	Shane Bickish	Impropriety	Civil - Domestic Relations	Canon 1.2; Canon 2.2; Canon 2.3; Canon 2.4		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/21/2024
24-065	10/10/24	Jeanne Walker	Justice of the Peace	Billings	Ronald Allen Trow	Judicial Opinion	Criminal - DUI - Pro Se	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 2.5, 2.6, 2.12,3.4, 2.2, 2.3		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	10/21/2024
24-066	10/22/24	Kaydee Snipes-Ruiz	District Court Judge	Havre	Paul McElligott	Impropriety	Probate - Contempt of Court charge	Non-Party - Rule 1.1		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024
24-067	10/22/24	Matthew Wald	District Court Judge	Columbus	Lindsay M. Williams	Ex Parte Communiciation Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil - Domestic Relations	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum: Dismiss Seth Berglee: Request response (synopsis)	12/9/2024
24-068	11/15/24	Matthew Cuffe	District Court Judge	Libby	Austin B. Canavan	Impropriety	Domestic DN case	Rule 2.12		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024
24-069	11/15/24	John Parker	District Court Judge	Great Falls	Alex Smith #3032443	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Criminal (CCC Inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling. Bias		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
24-070	11/15/24	John Larson	District Court Judge	Missoula	Hailey Forcella	Essential Conduct Ex-Parte Communication Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Illegal Youth Court Commitments	Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.3(A), 2.3(B), 2.4, 2.5, 2.5(B), 2.6, 2.6(A), 2.7, 2.8(B), 2.10(C), 2.13(A); 3.1	Response Requested			PENDING		
24-070	11/15/24	John Larson	District Court Judge	Missoula	Meghan Benson	Essential Conduct Ex-Parte Communication Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Illegal Youth Court Commitments	Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.3(A), 2.3(B), 2.4, 2.5, 2.5(B), 2.6, 2.6(A), 2.7, 2.8(B), 2.10(C), 2.13(A); 3.1	Response Requested			PENDING		
24-070	11/15/24	John Larson	District Court Judge	Missoula	Justin Ekwall	Essential Conduct Ex-Parte Communication Impropriety	Illegal Youth Court Commitments	Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.3(A), 2.3(B), 2.4, 2.5, 2.5(B), 2.6, 2.6(A), 2.7,	Response Requested			PENDING		
24-070	11/15/24	John Larson	District Court Judge	Missoula	Lauren Sandau	Essential Conduct Ex-Parte Communication Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Illegal Youth Court Commitments	Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.3(A), 2.3(B), 2.4, 2.5, 2.5(B), 2.6, 2.6(A), 2.7, 2.8(B), 2.10(C), 2.13(A); 3.1	Response Requested			PENDING		
24-071	11/20/24	John Larson	District Court Judge	Missoula	Christine Kowalski, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer	Essential Conduct Ex-Parte Communication Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Illegal Youth Court Commitments	Rules 1.1, 2.3, 2.5, 26, 2.8, 2.9, and 2.13,	Response Requested			PENDING		
24-072	11/20/24	Mark Hilderbrand	Justice of the Peace	Miles City	Larry Earl McGill	Essential Conduct Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Small Claims case moved to Justice Court	Rule 1.1		None	None	Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024
24-073	11/22/24	Britt Cotter	District Court Judge	Polson	Hon. Amy Eddy	Essential Conduct	Criminal	Rule 1.2	Grievance sent to Judicial Candidate12/03/2024. Judicial Candidate filed informal response 12/09/2024. Investigation initiated. Judicial Candidate Resigned 12/22/2024.	None	None	PENDING		
24-074	11/25/24	Jennifer Lint	District Court Judge	Hamilton	Sharon Schmidt	Essential Conduct	Civil - Property Dispute	Rule 1.1				Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024
24-075	11/29/24	Eric Hummel	Justice of the Peace	Kalispell	Sheryl McKinney	Judicial Opinion	Civil - Small Claims	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.				Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024

Judicial Standards Commission Biennial Report
2023 - 2024

CASE NO.	DATE FILED	JUDGE'S NAME	TITLE	JUDGE CITY	COMPLAINANT NAME	Type of Complaint	Issues Involved	Basic Facts Making up the Complaint	Status of Complaint	Commission's Recommendation, if any, to Montana Supreme Court	Action Taken by Supreme Court	DISPOSITION	JSC MEMBER VOTE	DATE OF DISPOSITION
24-076	12/02/24	Matthew Cuffe	District Court Judge	Libby	Harry Richards	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.				Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024
24-077	12/02/24	Danni Coffman	District Court Judge	Kalispell	Harry Richards	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.				Dismissed	Hon. Mike Menahan, Hon. Randal Spaulding, Jill Gerdrum, Roger Webb, Seth Berglee: Dismiss	12/9/2024
24-078	12/11/24	Jennifer Lint	District Court Judge	Hamilton	Eddy Michaelly	Impropriety Judicial Opinion	Civil	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.	Will be reviewed at next available JSC Meeting			PENDING		
24-079	12/12/24	Jackie Shara	City Court Judge	Joliet	Scott Cope	Compliance with the Law Impartiality	Civil - Temp Order of Protection	Rule 1.1, 2.5	Will be reviewed at next available JSC Meeting			PENDING		
24-080	12/12/24	Molly Owen	District Court Judge	Polson	Michael A. Buck	Impropriety	Criminal DUI (Lake Co. Jail inmate)	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.	Will be reviewed at next available JSC Meeting			PENDING		
24-081	12/16/24	Kathy Seeley	District Court Judge	Helena	Steven Gene Johnson	Compliance with the Law Promoting Confidence in the Judiciary	Criminal (Lewis & Clark Co. Det. Inmate)	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.6, 2.16	Will be reviewed at next available JSC Meeting			PENDING		
24-082	12/16/24	John Brown	District Court Judge	Bozeman	Dan Patrick McCaul	Delay	Civil	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.13, 2.16, 2.17	Will be reviewed at next available JSC Meeting			PENDING		
24-083	12/16/24	Robert Whelan	District Court Judge	Butte	Shawn Howard Weller #2034208	Compliance with the Law Impartiiality Promoting Confidence in the Judiciary	Criminal (MSP Inmate)	Rule 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.16	Will be reviewed at next available JSC Meeting			PENDING		
24-084	12/23/24	John Larson	District Court Judge	Missoula	Sarah Graham	Impartiality	Civil/Domestic Relations	No Canon Rule violations noted. Not satisfied with ruling.	Will be reviewed at next available JSC Meeting			PENDING		