



**JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION**  
**State of Georgia**

Dear Complainant:

In accordance with your request, we are enclosing a form for the filing of a complaint with this Commission.

The Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission serves many purposes: to instruct judges on ethical conduct; to promote public confidence in the integrity, independence, and impartiality of the Georgia judiciary; and to encourage judges in Georgia to maintain high standards of conduct both on and off the bench. One of the most important ways the Commission accomplishes this mission is through its investigation of allegations of judicial misconduct.

Please review these materials, including the information set forth on the last page of the form, before attempting to complete the form and note that this form must be typed or legibly hand printed, dated and signed.

Please keep copies of all documents sent to the Commission, do not send originals. The Commission is unable to return documents to complainants. The Commission will not review any documents or other papers included with the complaint unless evidence of judicial misconduct is first set forth in the complaint.

If, after reviewing the form and the website, [gajqc.com](http://gajqc.com), you have further questions, the Commission welcomes your inquiry. Be assured that any complaint, which lies within the authority of the Commission will be carefully considered.

# **COMPLAINT AGAINST A GEORGIA JUDGE**

*Confidential under Georgia Constitution Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph Vi and Commission Rule 20*

**Please review our website, the cover sheet and entire form explaining the Commission's function, jurisdiction and procedures before attempting to complete this form.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Complaint form must be typed or legibly hand printed, dated, and signed before it will be considered.**

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## I. Person Making Complaint

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## II. Judge Against Whom Complaint Is Made

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The Court is located in \_\_\_\_\_  
City County

Level of Court: (check one) \_\_\_ Supreme Court \_\_\_ Court of Appeals \_\_\_ Superior

\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Magistrate \_\_\_ Probate \_\_\_ Municipal \_\_\_ Juvenile \_\_\_ Recorder's \_\_\_ Other

## III. Statement of Facts

In the following section, please state the specific facts and circumstances that you believe amount to judicial misconduct or disability. Please be sure to provide all relevant details, names, dates, places, addresses and phone numbers which may assist the Commission in their review of your complaint.

Each allegation that you state should be factual and specific, but as brief and to the point as you can state it.

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If additional space is required, attach and number additional pages up to 5 pages, double spaced.

IV. Additional Information (if available)

a. If your complaint arises out of a court case, please answer the following questions:

1. What is the name and number of your case?

Case Name \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

2. What kind of case is it?

Civil  criminal  domestic relations  probate  small claims  
 traffic  other (specify)

3. What is your relationship to the case?

\_\_\_ plaintiff /petitioner    \_\_\_ defendant / respondent    \_\_\_ attorney for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ witness for \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- b. If you were represented by an attorney in this matter at the time of the judge's conduct, please identify the attorney:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- c. List and attach **copies** of any relevant documents which you believe support your claim that the judge has engaged in judicial misconduct or has a disability. (Note: these documents will not be returned to you and you should retain originals for your records.)
- d. Identify , if you can, any other witnesses to the conduct about which you complain:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In filing this complaint, I understand that:

- The Commission's rules provide that all proceedings of the Commission, including complaints filed with the Commission, shall be kept confidential, until this complaint has been resolved.
- I further understand that this rule of confidentiality attaches and becomes effective upon the filing of this complaint and that any violation could result in a citation for contempt of the Supreme Court.
- The Commission may find it necessary to disclose my identity and the existence of this complaint to the involved judge. By filing this complaint I expressly consent to any such disclosure.

V. Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined and understand this complaint form and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is true, correct, and complete and submitted of my own free will.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Complainant's Signature

(Only signed complaints will be considered.)

**Please note that the Commission only has authority to investigate allegations of judicial misconduct or permanent disability by persons holding state judicial positions. The Commission has no jurisdiction over and does not consider complaints against federal judges, lawyers, police, court personnel or District Attorneys. The Commission does not act as an appellate court and cannot review, reverse or modify a legal decision made by a judge in the course of a court proceeding.**

**For example, the Commission does not investigate claims that a judge wrongfully excluded evidence; imposed an improper sentence; awarded custody to the wrong party; incorrectly awarded alimony or child support; incorrectly resolved a legal issue or believed perjured testimony.**

Please return this form and direct all future correspondence to:  
Judicial Qualifications Commission  
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