



Judicial Conduct Board
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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Press Release

October 3, 2006

TO: Media/Press

FROM: Judicial Conduct Board

**SUBJECT: Court of Judicial Discipline Order of Court
Wade J. Brown
Former Magisterial District Judge
Magisterial District 08-3-04
Northumberland County
4 JD 2005**

Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline has reprimanded former Magisterial District Judge Wade J. Brown's conduct in repeatedly using racially and ethnically insensitive and inappropriate language; using derogatory and demeaning language when speaking to or about his female employees; and dealing with his female employees in a rude, discourteous, and ill-tempered fashion.

**The Court's Sanction Order can be found at the Board's website: www.jcbpa.org. (On the home page, click on *Press Releases*).

The Board Proceedings

The Judicial Conduct Board had charged that Magisterial District Judge Brown's behavior constituted a violation of Rule 4C of the Rules Governing Standards of Conduct of Magisterial District Judges and was subject to discipline under Article V, § 18(d)(1) of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Daniel T. Reimer, Assistant Counsel who prosecuted the case, stated,

"The Board felt strongly that as charged, on occasion former Magisterial District Judge Brown failed to be patient, dignified, and courteous to members of his staff with whom he dealt in his official capacity. The Court's ruling has vindicated the Board's conclusion."

Counsel

Board: Daniel T. Reimer, Assistant Counsel

Respondent: Samuel C. Stretton, Esquire

Contact: Daniel T. Reimer, Assistant Counsel

NOTE: Court of Judicial Discipline Sanction Order attached.

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COURT OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

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ORDER

AND NOW, this 2nd day of October, 2006, after hearing held on September 28, 2006 on the issue of sanctions, it is hereby ORDERED that the Respondent is REPRIMANDED.

PER CURIAM

Lamb, J., concurs and files a concurring statement.

Musmanno, J., did not participate in the consideration or disposition of this case.

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CONCURRING STATEMENT OF JUDGE LAMB

I concur in the Order of Sanction imposed in this case based on the following factors:

- a. the Respondent admitted his conduct as set out in the Findings of Fact in this Court's Opinion of July 14, 2006, and that such conduct constitutes a violation of Rule 4(C) of the Rules Governing Standards of Conduct of Magisterial District Judges;
- b. the Respondent was contrite;
- c. the Respondent apologized to those affected; and
- d. the Respondent represented to this Court that he would never again seek judicial office in this Commonwealth.