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# JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

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### **JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD INITIATES FORMAL PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING DISTRICT JUSTICE EDWARD E. HARTMAN**

**HARRISBURG, October 29, 2004** – The Judicial Conduct Board today instituted formal proceedings against Edward E. Hartman, District Justice in and for Magisterial District 31-3-01, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. A Board Complaint was filed with the Court of Judicial Discipline in Harrisburg.

Specifically, the Board Complaint concerns allegations of endorsing candidates for political office, engaging in partisan political activity, soliciting funds for charitable, fraternal or civic organizations, and intemperate public remarks.

In accordance with rules that govern proceedings before the Court of Judicial Discipline, District Justice Hartman has an opportunity to respond to the charges and a right to a public hearing at which the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.

Following completion of the hearing, the Court will determine if the charges have been proven by clear and convincing evidence. If so, a Sanctions Hearing will be scheduled at which time the Court determines what sanctions to impose.

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