

BEFORE THE FLORIDA
JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,
THE HONORABLE MARNI A. BRYSON
JQC No. 2019-351

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NOTICE OF FORMAL CHARGES

**TO: Honorable Marni A. Bryson
County Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Palm Beach County Courthouse
205 N. Dixie Highway
West Palm Beach, FL 33401**

The Investigative Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, by a vote of the majority of its members, pursuant to Rule 6(f) of the Rules of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission and Article V, Section 12(b) of the Constitution of the State of Florida, finds that probable cause exists for formal proceedings to be instituted against you.

Art. V, §13 of the Florida Constitution

“All justices and judges shall devote full time to their judicial duties.”

Canon 3A

“The judicial duties of a judge take precedence over all the judge’s other activities.”

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Florida Supreme Court Admin. Order 2014-66
(‘Diligent Performance of Judicial Duties’)

“The failure of any judge to comply with an administrative order or directive of the Chief Judge is considered neglect of duty...”

“The chief judge in each circuit shall separately communicate to all trial court judges in that circuit the importance of a professional work ethic and accountability to the judiciary as a full-time commitment under the [Code of Judicial Conduct] and the Constitution of Florida.”

1. You failed to devote full time and attention to your judicial duties during periods of 2016. You were absent from the courthouse and not otherwise working full time on a recurring basis.
2. You failed to devote full time and attention to your judicial duties during periods of 2017. You were absent from the courthouse and not otherwise working full time on a recurring basis.
3. You failed to devote full time and attention to your judicial duties during periods of 2018. You were absent from the courthouse and not otherwise working full time on a recurring basis.
4. You failed to devote full time and attention to your judicial duties during periods of 2019. You were absent from the courthouse and not otherwise working full time on a recurring basis.

5. You did not properly notify the Chief Judge of your absences or keep adequate records of your leave time between 2016 and 2019.

Your actions constitute violations of the provisions of Canons 1, 2A, 3B(2), 3B(4), 3B(8) and 3C(1) of the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct and Art. V, §13 of the Florida Constitution, Canon 3A and Florida Supreme Court Admin. Order 2014-66, and Palm Beach County Admin. Orders 11.107-9/08 and 11.107-01/18.

You are hereby notified of your right to file a written answer to these charges within twenty (20) days of service of this notice on you. The original of your response and all subsequent pleadings must be filed with the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court, in accordance with the Court's requirements. Copies of your response should be served on the undersigned Special Counsel for the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Dated this 13th day of April 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 13th day of April 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court by utilizing the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, which will send a notice of electronic filing to:

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