

OPEN LETTER
Florida's Eighteenth Judicial Circuit
&
Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission

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Ref: Seminole County Judge Wayne Culver
Florida v. Maldonado, Zulma Mercedes
2021-MM-001204A

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Dear Michelle & Alexander (others):

Below is an attached web link to a reported courtroom video (Seminole County). The video was presented to us (VolusiaExposed.Com) – as being from a February 10, 2022 hearing in front of County Judge Wayne Culver. (see below web link to video)

Link to hearing video
<https://youtu.be/Hlx3n92YKSw>

As detailed within the above video – Judge Culver engaged in a profane exchange of words with a citizen that had simply entered the courtroom - and was looking for a seat.

Judge Culver - “I asked you a f*cking question asshole”

Judge Culver further threatened the citizen with incarceration for contempt of court.

The available video record does not support any contemptuous statements or actions by the citizen.

We submit for your consideration that Judge Culver’s open court statements were in violation of Florida’s Code Of Judicial Conduct. (see below web link)

<https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/Opinions/Judicial-Ethics-Advisory-Committee/Code-of-Judicial-Conduct>

Should you experience difficulty in qualifying Judge Culver’s behaviors & statements as violations of the Code Of Judicial Conduct – then we offer the recent disciplinary action that the Florida Supreme Court applied against Circuit Judge David C. Miller (Eleventh Judicial Circuit). (see below web link)

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/court/2022/judgeculver42022/judgemiller.pdf>

The circumstances within the Miller and Culver matters are very similar – ie. both threatened non contemptuous persons with contempt of Court.

Therefore, we incorporate the narrative, as well as the codified violations from Miller’s disciplinary findings, in support of our concerns against Culver.

We did note some significant differences between the two incidents (Culver & Miller). Miller’s misconduct transpired outside the courtroom – while Culver’s misconduct transpired in open court – and while on the bench. Culver clearly used profane language – while the record does not support the use of profane language by Miller.

VolusiaExposed.Com is aware that a “formal signed complaint” under JQC Rule 6A is **not** “required” in order to open a judicial misconduct inquiry (see below - Rule 6A).

Rule 6 - (a) The Investigative Panel of the Commission, upon receiving factual information, not obviously unfounded or frivolous, or an individual complaint made under oath, indicating that a judge is guilty of willful or persistent failure to perform judicial duties, or conduct unbecoming a member of the judiciary demonstrating a present unfitness to hold office, or conduct violative of the Code of Judicial Conduct, or that the judge has a

disability seriously interfering with the performance of the judge's duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent in nature, may make an investigation to determine whether formal charges should be instituted.
<https://floridajqc.com/florida-judicial-qualifications-commission-rules/#1525896330862-ed337ea-705f>

VolusiaExposed.Com has opted not to file a “formal signed complaint” – because we do not wish to commit to the mandated “confidentiality agreement” should the JQC find no probable cause to proceed.

Given that Culver's misconduct was captured by the court's own video equipment – and the apparent responsibilities of “Officers of the Court” (attorneys, and even the offending judge) to report judicial misconduct – we would imagine that this matter MAY have already been reported to the JQC.

We request that you “docket” our concerns, as well as our “factual information” (video) (see JQC Rule 6A) to the Judicial Qualifications Commission for their review.

You may use our below email address as our point of contact.

Thank You

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