COMPLAINT PROCESS FLOWCHART

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Case Filed

Case Screened

NOTE: Blue shaded boxes indicate public action, not confidential

No Jurisdiction → Case Not Opened

No Allegation → Administrative Dismissal Docket

Jurisdiction and Allegation → Investigation

Investigation →
- Investigator Dismissal Docket
- Dismissal Docket
- Agenda Docket

COMMISSION ACTION

- Dismissal
- Order of Education
- Suspension
- Private Sanction
- Public Sanction
- Resignation in Lieu of Discipline
- Further Investigation
- Referral to *Amicus Curiae*

Dismissal → Complainant requests one-time-only reconsideration → Administrative Review → Granted / Denied

De Novo appeal to Special Court of Review
- Dismissal
- Affirmation of Commission decision
- Greater or lesser sanction
- Formal Proceeding

Formal Proceeding (Formal Charges Filed)

Fact-finding hearing before Commission or Special Master
- Public Censure
- Public Sanction
- Dismissal

Judge may appeal to Special Court of Review
- Dismissal
- Affirmation of Commission Decision
- Formal Proceeding

Recommendation of removal or involuntary retirement

Decision by seven-judge tribunal (judge may appeal to Supreme Court of Texas)