



**BEFORE THE STATE COMMISSION  
ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

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**CJC Nos. 21-0135, 21-0780, 21-0791, 21-0792 & 21-0795**

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**PUBLIC WARNING**

**HONORABLE CLYDE BLACK  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1  
CROCKETT, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS**

During its meeting on March 11, 2022, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct concluded a review of the allegations against the Honorable Clyde Black, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Crockett, Houston County, Texas. Judge Black was advised by letter of the Commission's concerns and provided written responses to the Commission's questions.

**BACKGROUND**

These complaints cover the time period from September 2020 to February 2021. The complaints concern (1) the judge's social media postings involving racial and/or religious subject matter, (2) arrest warrants the judge issued for the President of the United States and the President's medical advisor, and the subsequent national publicity regarding same, and (3) the judge's use of his judicial office to publicize and solicit donations for a charity he formed.

After considering the evidence before it, the Commission enters the following Findings and Conclusion:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. At all relevant times, the Honorable Clyde Black was Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Crockett, Houston County, Texas.
2. Sometime before September 2020, and during Judge Black's service as Justice of the Peace, Judge Black posted and re-posted on Facebook multiple comments and/or memes related to race, ethnicity, and religion.

3. The judge's posts and memes expressed racial, ethnic, and religious bias or prejudice, for example, some contrasted "white folks" and "violent black behavior"; some asserted that "Muslims need to learn to be American"; some claimed, "You're not Special" because "white slaves were sold for centuries"; and some displayed the Confederate battle flag with the caption "If we had equal rights...my southern heritage would be just as important as your black history."
4. On February 24, 2021, Judge Black issued Peace Bond Warrants under Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Art. 7.01, commanding the arrests of President Joseph Biden and Dr. Anthony Fauci, based on alleged threats by the President and Dr. Fauci "to commit an offense" against multiple anonymous complainants.
5. The Peace Bond Warrants issued by Judge Black identify the subjects' immigration policies, Covid-19 health restrictions, and firearms policies as threats to commit offenses under Texas law.
6. Judge Black's Peace Bond Warrants were the subject of national news coverage. Judge Black participated in media interviews concerning his issuance of the Warrants against President Biden and Dr. Fauci.
7. Judge Black and his wife formed a boxing gym named "The Judge's Chambers" under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. His intent was "to invite the public and youth into a judge's home."
8. Judge Black himself posted the activities of the boxing gym on social media and solicited donations for "The Judge's Chambers" to acquire equipment and pay rent. In the solicitations and other postings Judge Black identified himself as a judge.

### **RELEVANT STANDARDS**

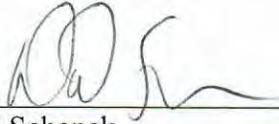
1. Canon 2A of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct provides, in part, "A judge shall comply with the law...."
2. Canon 2B of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct instructs, in part, "A judge shall not lend the prestige of judicial office to advance the private interests of the judge or others."
3. Canon 3B(2) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct states, "A judge should be faithful to the law and shall maintain professional competence in it. A judge shall not be swayed by partisan interests, public clamor, or fear of criticism."
4. Canon 3B(10) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct prescribes, "A judge shall abstain from public comment about a pending or impending proceeding which may come before the judge's court in a manner which suggests to a reasonable person the judge's probable decision on any particular case."
5. Canon 4C(2) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct provides, in part, "A judge shall not solicit funds for any educational, religious, charitable, fraternal or civic organization..."
6. Article V, Section 1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution provides, in relevant part, that a judge shall not engage in "willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of his duties or casts public discredit upon the judiciary or administration of justice."

## CONCLUSION

Based upon the record before it and the factual findings recited above, the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct has determined that the Honorable Clyde Black, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Crockett, Houston County, Texas, should be publicly warned for (i) posting and reposting racial, ethnic and religious comments and/or memes on social media; (ii) his improper issuance of Peace Bond Warrants for President Biden and Dr. Anthony Fauci based on alleged “threats to commit an offense” against multiple anonymous complainants; and (iii) lending the prestige of his judicial office to advance the private interests of his own charitable or civic organization, and soliciting funds for that organization. Judge Black’s conduct in these respects violated Art. V, Sec. 1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution and Canons 2A, 2B, 3B(2), 3B(10), 4A and 4C(2) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct.

The Commission has taken this action pursuant to the authority conferred it in Article V, §1-a(8) of the Texas Constitution in a continuing effort to promote confidence in and high standards for the judiciary.

Issued this the 7 day of April, 2022.



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