



**BEFORE THE STATE COMMISSION
ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

CJC No. 25-0832

**PUBLIC REPRIMAND
AND
ORDER OF ADDITIONAL EDUCATION**

**HONORABLE JARED SHAW
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1
FLORESVILLE, WILSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

During its meeting on February 4-5, 2026, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct concluded a review of the allegations against the Honorable Jared Shaw, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, in Floresville, Wilson County, Texas. Judge Shaw was advised by letter of the Commission's concerns and provided a written response.

After considering the evidence before it, the Commission enters the following findings and conclusions:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Honorable Jared Shaw was the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, in Floresville, Wilson County, Texas.
2. Evelyn Marie Fleming ("Fleming") was summoned to appear with her minor child on April 7, 2025, for a hearing alleging Parent Contributing to Non-Attendance of a Minor (the "Fleming Case").
3. Fleming arrived at Judge Shaw's court and completed a plea of no contest with a stated fine of \$203.00.
4. While presenting her case in chief, Fleming stated Evelyn Huron ("Huron"), the Assistant County Attorney, and Jennifer Lane ("Lane"), the Floresville ISD Representative, made rude and sarcastic comments and laughed at her. Judge Shaw did not admonish Huron nor Lane.

5. During the hearing, Judge Shaw asked Fleming's daughter if she knew how many school days that she had been absent from school. Fleming's daughter responded, guessing 40 days, however, Lane corrected her and stated it was more like 83 days. Judge Shaw addressed the minor child stating, "I can't put you in jail, but I can put your mom in jail for three days."
6. Judge Shaw held Fleming in contempt of court, had her arrested and transported to the Wilson County Jail without holding a show cause hearing nor affording Fleming the right to counsel.
7. Judge Shaw issued an order for Contempt of Court which stated Fleming willfully disobeyed the court's written order issued on April 7, 2025, for "not paying a fine of \$603.00 and Parent Contributing to Non-Attendance of Minor." Fleming was ordered to be punished by confinement in the Wilson County Jail for three (3) days.
8. Later that evening of April 7, 2025, Judge Shaw visited with Fleming at the Wilson County Jail and informed her that she would be released that evening. Judge Shaw ordered Fleming to return to his court on April 10, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.
9. Judge Shaw did not issue a new order releasing Fleming, but he signed a post-it note that was attached to the original April 7, 2025 order that was handwritten and stated, "Release: 1 Day jail service. Reconvene for hearing on Thursday, 10 April @ 12³⁰."
10. Fleming arrived at Judge Shaw's courtroom on April 10, 2025, and was led from the courtroom to Judge Shaw's chambers without Huron, the Assistant County Attorney, in attendance. Judge Shaw discussed with Fleming the charge of Parent Contributing to Non-Attendance of a Minor and reduced the fine to \$100.00 and time served of one day.
11. Fleming informed Judge Shaw she was unable to make full payment and her financial situation was dire. At that time, Judge Shaw failed to hold a mandatory hearing to determine whether the judgment imposed an undue hardship on Fleming. Eventually, he did find her indigent on July 18, 2025 without a hearing.
12. In his written responses to the Commission, Judge Shaw stated, "During the court appearance on 7 April 2025, Ms. Fleming appeared with her daughter. She was flippant with her answers to the court and the plaintiff's members, and her daughter sat smugly and at times was smiling when details of her absences were read aloud. It was obvious to me that both the mother and daughter did not take the situation seriously, and were expecting leniency again. It must be pointed out that the defendant is the cousin to my Chief Clerk who had interceded previously on Ms. Fleming's behalf. It was apparent that Ms. Fleming and the child thought that their familial relationship with my Chief Clerk would sway my decision."
13. Judge Shaw admitted he did not send Fleming to jail because of her daughter's behavior, but stated, "I did state that her daughter was being flippant and smiling when she should have taken the situation more seriously and that reflected on her as a mother. I sentenced Ms. Fleming to jail for contempt of court, and her own actions - not those of her daughter."
14. Court documents provided to the Commission failed to contain evidence of an order previously issued to Fleming for a fine of \$603.00, as stated by Judge Shaw.
15. Judge Shaw stated his other reason for finding Fleming in contempt of court was because he had a previous case in 2023 with the same issues regarding another one of Fleming's children and wanted to send a message to her since this was her third time before him.

16. Also, Judge Shaw maintains he did not fail to conduct a show cause hearing when he found Fleming in contempt of court, but instead he expedited the process of a show cause hearing since all the necessary parties were in the courtroom already.

RELEVANT STANDARDS AND AUTHORITIES

1. Canon 2A of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct provides, in relevant part, “A judge shall comply with the law ...”
2. Canon 3B(2) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct provides, in relevant part: “A judge...shall maintain professional competence in [the law].”
3. Canon 3B(3) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct provides, “A judge shall require order and decorum in proceedings before the judge.”
4. Canon 3B(4) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct provides, in relevant part: “A judge shall be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers and others with whom the judge deals in an official capacity.”
5. Canon 3B(8) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct provides, in relevant part: “A judge shall accord to every person who has a legal interest in a proceeding, or that person’s lawyer, the right to be heard according to the law.”
6. Canon 6C(2) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct provides, in relevant part: “A justice of the peace..., except as authorized by law, shall not directly or indirectly initiate, permit, nor consider *ex parte* or other communications concerning the merits of a pending judicial proceeding.”
7. 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 the person’s duties or casts public discredit on the judiciary or on the administration of justice.”

CONCLUSION

Based on the record before it and the factual findings recited above, the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct has determined that the Honorable Jared Shaw, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, in Floresville, Wilson County, Texas, should be publicly reprimanded and ordered to obtain additional education for: (1) failing to comply with the law and maintaining professional competence in the law when he: (a) failed to conduct a show cause hearing before finding Fleming in contempt of court and ordering her confined for three days in county jail; and (b) failed to provide Fleming with an alternative to pay the \$100 fine when he was informed that she would not be able to pay the fine at one time during the April 10, 2025 meeting; (2) failing to maintain order and decorum in his courtroom when Huron and Lane made “rude and sarcastic comments and laughed” at Fleming while she presented her case; (3) failing to be patient, dignified and courteous to Fleming and her daughter when he held Fleming in contempt of court on April 7, 2025; (4) failing to provide Fleming with the opportunity to be heard when he found her in contempt of court and did not provide Fleming with a show cause hearing; and (5) engaging in an improper *ex parte* communication with Fleming during the April 10, 2025 meeting in his chambers. Judge Shaw’s failure in the foregoing respects constituted willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of his duties and cast public discredit upon the judiciary or the administration of justice, in violation of Canons 2A, 3B(2), 3B(3), 3B(4), 3B(8), and 6C(2) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct and Article V, Section 1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution.

Pursuant to this Order, Judge Shaw must obtain **four (4) hours** of instruction with a mentor, in addition to his required annual judicial education for Fiscal Year 2026. In particular, the Commission desires that Judge Shaw receive **three (3) hours** of this additional education in truancy law and **one (1) hour** in contempt law. Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 33.036 of the Texas Government Code, the Commission authorizes the disclosure of certain information relating to this matter to the Texas Justice Court Training Center to the extent necessary to enable that entity to assign the appropriate mentor for Judge Shaw.

Judge Shaw shall complete the additional **four (4) hours** of instruction recited above within **60 days** from the date of written notification of the assignment of a mentor. Upon receiving such notice, it is Judge Shaw's responsibility to contact the assigned mentor and schedule the additional education.

The Commission has taken this action pursuant to the authority conferred it in Article V, Section 1-a(8) of the Texas Constitution in a continuing effort to protect the public and promote public confidence in the judicial system.

Issued this the 9 day of March, 2026.



Gary Steel
Chairman, State Commission on Judicial Conduct