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**JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION STATEMENT REGARDING JUDGE  
EDWARD MCKENNA OF THE SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT**

Ordinarily, as required by law, the Commission on Judicial Conduct keeps pending and dismissed complaints confidential, and neither confirms nor denies the existence of complaints made against judges, unless such complaints result in a statement of charges or a stipulated agreement to an ethics violation and discipline.

In rare circumstances, the Commission may, with a waiver and request by the judge, make a public statement regarding complaints that would otherwise be confidential. The Commission's rules permit such public statements when:

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(ii) Respondent is publicly accused or alleged to have engaged in misconduct...and the commission, after a preliminary investigation, has determined that no basis exists to warrant further proceedings....

CJCRP 11(a)(1)(C)(ii).

Seattle Municipal Court Judge Edward McKenna requested such a public statement from the Commission. The judge was publicly accused of violating the Code of Judicial Conduct. Following its independent investigation, the Commission members considered and dismissed the complaint at the Commission meeting in September of 2019.

The Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct is an independent agency of the judicial branch of government created under the Washington Constitution to assure the integrity and independence of the judiciary. Its eleven members are appointed by the Governor, judicial associations, and the Washington State Bar Association. Its website is [www.cjc.state.wa.us](http://www.cjc.state.wa.us).

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