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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ISSUES
PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT OF JUDGE TIMOTHY S. HEALY

The Commission on Judicial Performance has publicly admonished Judge Timothy S. Healy of Calaveras County Superior Court.

The commission determined that it should publicly admonish Judge Healy for a variety of misconduct. In numerous matters, Judge Healy engaged in inappropriate demeanor by making discourteous and disparaging comments to attorneys, litigants, members of the public in his courtroom, and a victim of a crime. In some of the matters, Judge Healy inappropriately gratuitously injected his own personal experiences into the proceedings. In one of the matters, Judge Healy gave the appearances of bias and favoritism toward an attorney.

Also, Judge Healy prevented the proper exercise of, and erroneously denied, peremptory challenges under section 170.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure. In other matters, Judge Healy made improper comments about peremptory challenges that gave the appearance that he intended to dissuade attorneys from exercising their statutory right to file peremptory challenges. In addition, in a juvenile delinquency matter, Judge Healy improperly initiated an ex parte contact with a minor at a detention facility, outside the presence of the minor's attorney.

Judge Healy's misconduct was aggravated by the fact that some of the Judge Healy's misconduct occurred while he participated in the commission's mentoring program to address demeanor issues.

The public admonishment is available on the commission's website at <https://cjp.ca.gov> (under "Pending Cases - Press Releases & Documents" and "Public Discipline & Decisions"). Judge Healy is represented by Daniel S. Agle, Esq. of Klinedinst PC of San Diego.

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The commission is composed of six public members, three judges and two lawyers. The chairperson is Dr. Michael A. Moodian. One public member position was vacant.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the commission's website at <https://cjp.ca.gov>.