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JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE COMMISSION ISSUES DECISION AND ORDER
IMPOSING PUBLIC CENSURE ON FORMER COMMISSIONER JOSEPH J. GIANQUINTO

The Commission on Judicial Performance has publicly censured former Commissioner Joseph J. Gianquinto of the Kern County Superior Court, pursuant to Mr. Gianquinto's stipulated agreement to not seek or hold judicial office in the future. In 2016 and 2017, while a court commissioner, Mr. Gianquinto engaged in dozens of instances of misconduct by posting and re-posting information on his public Facebook page that reflected, among other things, anti-Muslim sentiment, anti-immigration sentiment, anti-Native American sentiment, anti-gay marriage sentiment, a position on the controversial issue of shooting deaths by police officers, strong opposition to then-presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, contrasting praise for then-presidential candidate Donald Trump, an accusation that President Obama was trying to transform the United States from a Judeo-Christian nation into Islam, a lack of respect for the federal justice system, and contempt for the poor. The commission concluded that the commissioner's conduct on Facebook was egregious, and is the type of conduct that inherently undermines public confidence in the judiciary and that brings the judicial office into disrepute.

The public censure is available on the commission's website at <http://cjp.ca.gov> (under "Pending Cases - Press Releases & Documents" and "Public Discipline & Decisions") and at the commission's office. Mr. Gianquinto is represented by Attorney Katy A. Cummings of Los Angeles.

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The commission is composed of six public members, three judges and two lawyers. The chairperson is Nanci E. Nishimura, Esq.

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