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JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE COMMISSION ISSUES DECISION AND ORDER
IMPOSING PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT ON JUDGE CAROL WILLIAMS ELSWICK

The Commission on Judicial Performance has publicly admonished Judge Carol Williams Elswick of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. The commission determined that it should issue a public admonishment to Judge Elswick for improperly remanding and delaying sentencing of defendants in three separate misdemeanor probation cases. This delay conveyed the appearance that Judge Elswick was circumventing the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's early release program, and disregarded the defendants' fundamental rights, resulting in deprivation of liberty.

Judge Elswick also improperly responded to a peremptory challenge filed pursuant to section 170.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure, was discourteous to several criminal defendants, and improperly referenced her personal experiences when discussing the ability of some defendants to pay fines.

The public admonishment 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. Judge Elswick is represented by Attorney Randall A. Miller 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>.