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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ISSUES DECISION AND ORDER
IMPOSING PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT ON JUDGE PATRICK E. CONNOLLY

The Commission on Judicial Performance has publicly admonished Judge Patrick E. Connolly of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

The commission determined that it should issue a public admonishment as a result of Judge Connolly's misconduct in two matters. In one matter, Judge Connolly displayed improper demeanor toward two criminal defense attorneys during an arraignment. In a different criminal case, Judge Connolly made an inappropriate remark about the jury's verdict to a defendant whom the jury had acquitted. The commission determined that Judge Connolly's misconduct was significantly aggravated by prior discipline (a public admonishment in 2016 and a private admonishment in 2010) and his failure to fully acknowledge that his conduct was inconsistent with the California Code of Judicial Ethics.

The commission's Decision and Order Imposing 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 Connolly is represented by Edith R. Matthai, Esq., of Los Angeles.

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The commission is composed of six public members, three judges, and two lawyers. The chairperson is Hon. Michael B. Harper.

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