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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ISSUES DECISION AND ORDER  
IMPOSING PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT ON JUDGE MICHAEL J. O’GARA

The Commission on Judicial Performance has publicly admonished Judge Michael J. O’Gara of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

The commission determined that it should issue a public admonishment for Judge O’Gara’s activity on social media. That activity included commentary, or “likes,” relating to the District Attorney for Los Angeles County, controversial political issues, and various groups’ exercise of constitutional rights. The commission noted that, once Judge O’Gara posted or liked content on social media, he effectively distributed material to an unlimited number of persons, over whose actions he had no control. The commission determined that Judge O’Gara’s social media activity suggested bias against particular classes of people, and was undignified and indecorous, among other violations of the 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 O’Gara is represented by Paul S. Meyer, Esq., of Costa Mesa.

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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>.