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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ISSUES DECISION AND ORDER  
IMPOSING PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT ON JUDGE JUDITH L. MEYER

The Commission on Judicial Performance has publicly admonished Judge Judith L. Meyer of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

The commission determined that it should issue a public admonishment for several instances of misconduct in which Judge Meyer engaged. In April 2018, Judge Meyer met in chambers with Long Beach police officers and later drafted a letter, addressed to the Long Beach Chief of Police, on the officers' behalf. In May 2018, Judge Meyer wrote a second letter to the chief of police, attempting to retract and clarify statements in the first letter and to say that the first letter was a draft. Judge Meyer wrote the letters on official court stationery that contained the superior court seal and Judge Meyer's signature (typeface and original). The letters also used Judge Meyer's judicial title.

Judge Meyer's misconduct created the appearance that law enforcement officers were in a special position to influence her, misused the prestige of her judicial office to advance the personal interests of law enforcement officers and herself, and made statements that gave the appearance of bias in favor of law enforcement officers and that might substantially interfere with a fair trial or hearing. Judge Meyer's misconduct was aggravated by a prior private admonishment that the commission had issued to her.

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 Meyer is represented by Daniel S. Agle, Esq., of San Diego.

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The commission is composed of six public members, three judges, and two lawyers. The chairperson is Hon. Michael B. Harper. Commission member Hon. Lisa B. Lench is recused in this matter.

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