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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ISSUES DECISION AND  
ORDER IMPOSING PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT ON  
JUDGE EMILY T. SPEAR

The Commission on Judicial Performance has publicly admonished Judge Emily T. Spear of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

The commission issued a public admonishment to Judge Spear for a variety of misconduct. The commission concluded that, in 2021 and 2022, while she was assigned to the Family Law Division at the Compton Courthouse, Judge Spear engaged in a pattern of behavior that conveyed a persistent disregard and disrespect for her judicial and administrative obligations, for her judicial colleagues, and for her supervising judges and court administration. Judge Spear's misconduct included numerous unauthorized and undocumented absences and early departures from court; disparaging remarks about a judicial colleague; discourteous conduct toward, and false statements to, her supervising judge; and manipulation of her calendar for personal benefit.

The commission determined that Judge Spear should receive a public admonishment in light of the number of incidents of misconduct, Judge Spear's lack of insight into the seriousness of her misconduct, and the fact that some of Judge Spear's misconduct reflected a lack of integrity.

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 Spear is represented by Andrew J. Waxler, Esq., of Torrance.

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The commission is composed of six public members, three judges, and two lawyers. The chairperson is Dr. Michael A. Moodian. Commission member Beatriz E. Tapia is recused in this matter.

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