

December 10 2025**COMMISSION ON
JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE****STATE OF CALIFORNIA****BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE****IN THE MATTER CONCERNING
FORMER JUSTICE WILLIAM J.
MURRAY, JR.****No. 211****DECISION AND ORDER IMPOSING
PUBLIC CENSURE AND BAR
PURSUANT TO STIPULATION
(Commission Rule 127)**

This disciplinary matter concerns former Justice William J. Murray, Jr., a justice of the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. On June 10, 2025, the commission filed its Notice of Formal Proceedings against former Justice Murray. Former Justice Murray and his counsel, Randall A. Miller, Esq., Andrew J. Waxler, Esq., and Jeanette Chu, Esq. of Miller Waxler, LLP, have entered into a stipulation with the examiners for the Commission on Judicial Performance, Mark A. Lizarraga, Esq. and Melissa G. Murphy, Esq., pursuant to commission rule 127, to resolve the pending formal proceedings involving former Justice Murray by imposition of a public censure, and an agreement that former Justice Murray will not serve in a judicial capacity in the future. The Stipulation for Discipline by Consent (Stipulation) was approved by the commission on December 3, 2025, pursuant to the following terms and conditions, and stipulated facts and legal conclusions. A copy of the Stipulation is attached.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

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commission deems appropriate.

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Accordingly, it is hereby stipulated and agreed that the commission shall issue a public censure and bar on the above Terms and Conditions of Agreement and based on the following Stipulated Facts and Legal Conclusions.

STIPULATED FACTS AND LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

This disciplinary matter concerns William J. Murray, Jr., a former justice of the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, from December 10, 2010, to January 27, 2022.

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Justice Murray engaged in a neglect of duty to promptly and efficiently author cases and a pattern of chronic decisional delay in authoring a significant number of appellate cases from April 2012 to January 2022.

At all relevant times, a panel of three Court of Appeal justices was assigned to each appeal, with one of the three justices assigned as the author-justice. The author-justice was responsible for preparing a draft opinion that would be circulated to the two other panel justices for comment. The cases discussed herein are cases in which Justice Murray was assigned as the author-justice.

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4. *Whitaker v. Wells Fargo, N.A.* (No. C081559, rating: 2, A/O: 3Y 3M 25D). This matter was fully briefed on November 16, 2016, assigned to Justice Murray on November 30, 2016, and reassigned on February 1, 2019. The opinion was filed on March 26, 2020.

Appellant Herbert Whitaker, a foreclosed homeowner who challenged his lender's refusal to modify his loan, had to wait years for the opportunity for a trial because of Justice Murray's decisional delay.

5. *Barker v. Barker* (No. C079864, rating: RDA, A/O: 3Y 1M 20D). This matter, an appeal of a judgment on property distribution after dissolution of a marriage, was fully briefed on April 25, 2016, assigned to Justice Murray on April 29, 2016, and the opinion was filed on June 18, 2019. On May 10 and June 9, 2016, the self-represented appellant filed motions for calendar preference. The appellant was over 70 years old and suffered from progressively worsening diabetes. On three occasions, the appellant inquired about the status of the appeal. In a letter filed on April 23, 2018, he wrote, "By tardy, unresponsive conduct, the Appellate Court has not only failed it's [sic] iron clad duty to protect the Public Interest, it disturbingly indicates an ivory tower laissez-faire disinterest for addressing, and rooting out, judicial corruption." In another letter filed on October 4, 2018, the appellant wrote, "Now, some 880 days after the filing of the Reply Brief, a decision has still not been made. Therefore, Appellant again reasonably complains. Undeniably, 880 days is more than sufficient time for this court to take this Appeal in hand and make a decision. This is especially true, and critically important, because the Appeal provides compelling proof that [a judge] is corrupt." In his last letter, filed on November 9, 2018, the appellant wrote, "[The delay] not only unreasonably casts a pall of doubt, suspicion, and mistrust, it undermines Public Confidence in our entire legal system. A two and a half year delay is indefensible. This Court is inexcusably violating it's [sic] duty to protect, and serve, the Public Interest." The judgment was affirmed more than three

years after assignment.

6. *Sacramento Municipal Utility District v. Kwan* (No. C080474, rating: 2, A/O: 2Y 7M 15D). This matter, a civil action for power theft and conversion, was fully briefed on September 22, 2016, assigned to Justice Murray on September 30, 2016, and reassigned on or about January 1, 2019. The opinion was filed on May 15, 2019. On or about March 1, 2018, counsel for one of the parties complained to the court that she had never had a case fully briefed for so long with no further activity, and that her client was interested in reaching resolution. The judgment granting a new trial was affirmed. Appellee David Kwan had to wait years for the opportunity to proceed with his new trial.
7. *Kalani v. Castle Village, LLC* (No. C079905, rating: 2, A/O: 2Y 6M 30D). This matter, a premises liability and personal injury appeal, was fully briefed on July 26, 2016, assigned to Justice Murray on July 29, 2016, and reassigned on or about November 1, 2018. The opinion was filed on February 28, 2019. On January 10, 2017, five months after assignment, the original appellant, Robert Kalani, died. On June 2, 2017, the court granted a motion substituting his wife, Rosemary Kalani, as appellant. The case was reassigned 27 months after Justice Murray's original assignment and the opinion was thereafter filed in less than four months. The opinion reversed the trial court's granting of a summary judgment motion. The appellant had to wait more than two and one-half years after assignment for the opportunity to proceed with the action.

Despite knowing the extent of his backlog, Justice Murray neglected his duty to promptly and efficiently decide cases by failing to curtail his extensive participation in non-core judicial activities, including work on judicial branch and other committees, and in judicial and legal education programs, court outreach

activities, and community work between 2011 and 2021. In some cases, he did not minimize the impact of delay by prioritizing the delayed matters and taking into account the effect of delay on the parties in some cases.

Justice Murray's neglect of duty to promptly and efficiently decide cases, and pattern of persistent decisional delay, as described above (and in Exhibit 1), prejudiced the above civil litigants and the victims in *People v. Koenig*, C074411, (2020) 58 Cal.App.5th 771. It also created the appearance that appropriate appellate review was impeded or denied. Justice Murray's conduct violated the Code of Judicial Ethics, canons 1, 2A, 3B(8), 3C(1), and 3C(2). His conduct constituted conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute, and improper action. (Cal. Const., art. VI, section 18, subd. (d).)

COUNT TWO

Justice Murray failed to timely address four juvenile cases as follows.

1. *People v. J.T.* (No. C069844, rating: rdaa, A/O: 8Y 9M 1D). This juvenile delinquency appeal was fully briefed on November 14, 2012, assigned to Justice Murray on December 14, 2012, and the opinion was filed on September 15, 2021, more than eight and one-half years after assignment.
2. *People v. J.R.* (No. C071466, rating: RDA, CFB/O²: 7Y 0M 4D). This juvenile delinquency appeal was assigned to Justice Murray on April 30, 2013, and fully briefed on May 10, 2013. His assigned research attorney provided him with a draft opinion on October 31, 2013. Justice Murray did not decide the case until May 14, 2020, more than seven years after it was fully briefed.

² "CFB/O" signifies the time between the case being fully briefed and issuance of an opinion or dismissal. CFB/O is used when briefing was completed after assignment.

3. *People v. B.H.* (No. C078073, rating: RDA, CFB/O: 3Y 5M 7D). This juvenile delinquency appeal was assigned to Justice Murray on October 30, 2015, fully briefed on January 11, 2016, and the opinion was filed on June 18, 2019, more than three years after it was fully briefed. His assigned research attorney did not produce a draft opinion. A replacement chambers attorney produced a draft and the opinion was thereafter promptly filed on June 18, 2019.
4. *In re A.R., et al., a Minor*, also referred to as *Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services v. S.R.* (No C083564, rating: rdaa, (CFB/O:1Y 6M 25D). This juvenile dependency appeal was assigned to Justice Murray on June 1, 2017, fully briefed on June 21, 2017, and the opinion was filed more than one and one-half years later on January 15, 2019.

Justice Murray's failure to timely address these juvenile cases violated canons 2A, 3B(8), 3C(1), and 3C(2) and constituted prejudicial misconduct (Cal. Const., art. VI, section 18, subd. (d).)

COUNT THREE

Justice Murray did not effectively discharge his administrative responsibilities to supervise his research attorneys to ensure the prompt disposition of his assigned cases. Despite being dissatisfied with the work of certain attorneys, Justice Murray did not effectively address those personnel problems.

One research attorney, assigned to Justice Murray for more than six years, failed to provide timely draft opinions for review on a regular basis, and Justice Murray took no effective corrective action. He did not pressure the attorney to do the required work. Despite the attorney's repeated failure to timely produce draft opinions, Justice Murray did not terminate her or take any adverse employment action against her.

Justice Murray also stated that he could not rely on the work of another

research attorney who worked in his chambers for a number of years, but he likewise did not effectively address that issue.

Justice Murray's conduct violated canons 1, 2A, 3C(1), and 3C(2) of the Code of Judicial Ethics, and constituted prejudicial misconduct (Cal. Const., art. VI, section 18, subd. (d).)

In 2013, Justice Murray was diagnosed with sleep apnea. He later suffered two ischemic strokes within 18 hours in 2017. In 2019, the California Judges Association recognized Justice Murray with the Hon. Bernard Jefferson Award for distinguished service in judicial education. By signing this stipulation, in addition to consenting to discipline on the terms set forth, former Justice Murray expressly admits that the foregoing facts are true and that he agrees with the stated legal conclusions.

DISCIPLINE

Article VI, section 18, subsection (d) of the California Constitution provides that the commission may "censure a judge . . . or remove a judge for action . . . that constitutes willful misconduct in office . . . or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute." Former Justice Murray concedes that he committed prejudicial misconduct that violated the Code of Judicial Ethics.

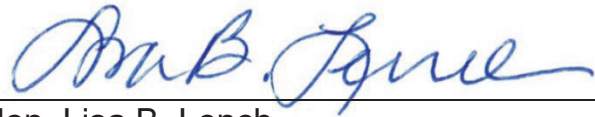
"The failure to resolve appellate cases in an appropriately expeditious timeframe undermines the ability of the appellate courts to efficiently manage their publicly provided resources, demonstrate effective leadership within the Judicial Branch and promote public confidence in the courts." (Doerner, *Model Time Standards for State Appellate Courts* (2014) p. 18.) Former Justice Murray's admitted misconduct includes a pervasive pattern of neglect and chronic decisional delay spanning ten years. The commission found the prejudice to litigants and the significant length of the delay in a number of former Justice Murray's cases was aggravating.

In determining to accept the Stipulation, the commission concluded that this resolution adequately fulfills its mandate to protect the public from further possible misconduct and avoids the need for further proceedings. Accordingly, we impose this public censure and bar pursuant to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation.

Commission members Hon. Lisa B. Lench; Mani Sheik, Esq.; Ms. Leisa Biggers; Ms. Kay Cooperman Jue; Hon. Julia C. Kelety; Mr. Gerald C. Shelton; and Ms. Beatriz E. Tapia voted to accept the parties' Stipulation. Commission members Rickey Ivie, Esq. and Hon. Kimberly Merrifield were recused in this matter. Commission members Mr. Alton L. Garrett, Jr. and Mr. Richard A. Long did not participate.

Date: 12/10/2025

On behalf of the
Commission on Judicial Performance,



Hon. Lisa B. Lench
Chairperson

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INQUIRY CONCERNING
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STIPULATION FOR DISCIPLINE
BY CONSENT (Rule 127)

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The parties believe that the settlement provided by this agreement is in the best interests of the commission and former Justice Murray because, among other reasons, in light of the stipulated facts and legal conclusions, and the justice’s agreement not to serve as a judicial officer in the future, a public censure adequately protects the public and will avoid the delay and expense of further proceedings.

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5. ***Barker v. Barker*** (No. C079864, rating: RDA, A/O: 3Y 1M 20D). This matter, an appeal of a judgment on property distribution after dissolution of a marriage, was fully briefed on April 25, 2016, assigned to Justice Murray on April 29, 2016, and the opinion was filed on June 18, 2019. On May 10 and June 9, 2016, the self-represented appellant filed motions for calendar preference. The appellant was over 70 years old and suffered from progressively worsening diabetes. On three occasions, the appellant inquired about the status of the appeal. In a letter filed on April 23, 2018, he wrote, "By tardy, unresponsive conduct, the Appellate Court has not only failed it's [*sic*] iron clad duty to protect the Public Interest, it disturbingly indicates an ivory tower laissez-faire disinterest for addressing, and rooting out, judicial corruption." In another letter filed on October 4, 2018, the appellant wrote, "Now, some 880 days after the filing of the Reply Brief, a decision has still not been made. Therefore, Appellant again reasonably complains. Undeniably, 880 days is more than sufficient time for this court to take this Appeal in hand and make a decision. This is especially true, and critically important, because the Appeal provides compelling proof that [a judge] is corrupt." In his last letter, filed on November 9, 2018, the

appellant wrote, “[The delay] not only unreasonably casts a pall of doubt, suspicion, and mistrust, it undermines Public Confidence in our entire legal system. A two and a half year delay is indefensible. This Court is inexcusably violating it’s [sic] duty to protect, and serve, the Public Interest.” The judgment was affirmed more than three years after assignment.

6. ***Sacramento Municipal Utility District v. Kwan*** (No. C080474, rating: 2, A/O: 2Y 7M 15D). This matter, a civil action for power theft and conversion, was fully briefed on September 22, 2016, assigned to Justice Murray on September 30, 2016, and reassigned on or about January 1, 2019. The opinion was filed on May 15, 2019. On or about March 1, 2018, counsel for one of the parties complained to the court that she had never had a case fully briefed for so long with no further activity, and that her client was interested in reaching resolution. The judgment granting a new trial was affirmed. Appellee David Kwan had to wait years for the opportunity to proceed with his new trial.
7. ***Kalani v. Castle Village, LLC*** (No. C079905, rating: 2, A/O: 2Y 6M 30D). This matter, a premises liability and personal injury appeal, was fully briefed on July 26, 2016, assigned to Justice Murray on July 29, 2016, and reassigned on or about November 1, 2018. The opinion was filed on February 28, 2019. On January 10, 2017, five months after assignment, the original appellant, Robert Kalani, died. On June 2, 2017, the court granted a motion substituting his wife, Rosemary Kalani, as appellant. The case was reassigned 27 months after Justice Murray’s original assignment and the opinion was thereafter filed in less than four months. The opinion reversed the trial court’s granting of a summary judgment motion. The appellant

had to wait more than two and one-half years after assignment for the opportunity to proceed with the action.

Despite knowing the extent of his backlog, Justice Murray neglected his duty to promptly and efficiently decide cases by failing to curtail his extensive participation in non-core judicial activities, including work on judicial branch and other committees, and in judicial and legal education programs, court outreach activities, and community work between 2011 and 2021. In some cases, he did not minimize the impact of delay by prioritizing the delayed matters and taking into account the effect of delay on the parties in some cases.

Justice Murray's neglect of duty to promptly and efficiently decide cases and pattern of persistent decisional delay, as described above (and in Exhibit 1), prejudiced the above civil litigants and the victims in *People v. Koenig*, C074411, (2020) 58 Cal.App.5th 771. It also created the appearance that appropriate appellate review was impeded or denied. Justice Murray's conduct violated the Code of Judicial Ethics, canons 1, 2A, 3B(8), 3C(1), and 3C(2). His conduct constituted conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute, and improper action. (Cal. Const., art. VI, section 18, subd. (d).)

COUNT TWO

Justice Murray failed to timely address four juvenile cases as follows.

1. ***People v. J.T.*** (No. C069844, rating: rdaa, A/O: 8Y 9M 1D). This juvenile delinquency appeal was fully briefed on November 14, 2012, assigned to Justice Murray on December 14, 2012, and the opinion was filed on September 15, 2021, more than eight and one-half years after assignment.

2. ***People v. J.R.*** (No. C071466, rating: RDA, CFB/O:¹ 7Y 0M 4D).
This juvenile delinquency appeal was assigned to Justice Murray on April 30, 2013, and fully briefed on May 10, 2013. His assigned research attorney provided him with a draft opinion on October 31, 2013. Justice Murray did not decide the case until May 14, 2020, more than seven years after it was fully briefed.
3. ***People v. B.H.*** (No. C078073, rating: RDA, CFB/O: 3Y 5M 7D).
This juvenile delinquency appeal was assigned to Justice Murray on October 30, 2015, fully briefed on January 11, 2016, and the opinion was filed on June 18, 2019, more than three years after it was fully briefed. His assigned research attorney did not produce a draft opinion. A replacement chambers attorney produced a draft and the opinion was thereafter promptly filed on June 18, 2019.
4. ***In re A.R., et al., a Minor, also referred to as Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services v. S.R.*** (No C083564, rating: rdaa, (CFB/O:1Y 6M 25D). This juvenile dependency appeal was assigned to Justice Murray on June 1, 2017, fully briefed on June 21, 2017, and the opinion was filed more than one and one-half years later on January 15, 2019.

Justice Murray's failure to timely address these juvenile cases violated canons 2A, 3B(8), 3C(1), and 3C(2) and constituted prejudicial misconduct (Cal. Const., art. VI, section 18, subd. (d).)

COUNT THREE

Justice Murray did not effectively discharge his administrative responsibilities to supervise his research attorneys to ensure the prompt disposition of his assigned cases. Despite being dissatisfied with the work

¹ "CFB/O" signifies the time between the case being fully briefed and issuance of an opinion or dismissal. CFB/O is used when briefing was completed after assignment.

of certain attorneys, Justice Murray did not effectively address those personnel problems.

One research attorney, assigned to Justice Murray for more than six years, failed to provide timely draft opinions for review on a regular basis, and Justice Murray took no effective corrective action. He did not pressure the attorney to do the required work. Despite the attorney's repeated failure to timely produce draft opinions, Justice Murray did not terminate her or take any adverse employment action against her.

Justice Murray also stated that he could not rely on the work of another research attorney who worked in his chambers for a number of years, but he likewise did not effectively address that issue.

Justice Murray's conduct violated canons 1, 2A, 3C(1), and 3C(2) of the Code of Judicial Ethics, and constituted prejudicial misconduct (Cal. Const., art. VI, section 18, subd. (d).)

In 2013, Justice Murray was diagnosed with sleep apnea. He later suffered two ischemic strokes within 18 hours in 2017. In 2019, the California Judges Association recognized Justice Murray with the Hon. Bernard Jefferson Award for distinguished service in judicial education.

By signing this stipulation, in addition to consenting to discipline on the terms set forth, former Justice Murray expressly admits that the foregoing facts are true and that he agrees with the stated legal conclusions.

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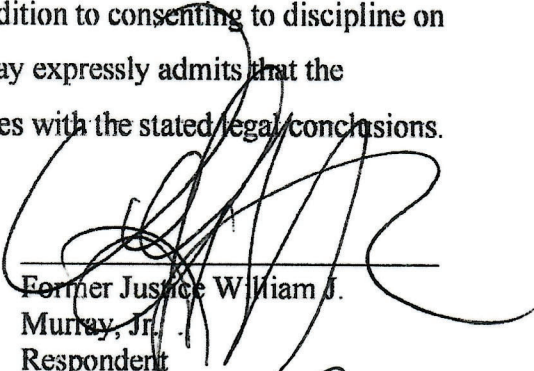


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1	Murray	Murray	Murray	C069844	People v. J.T.	Juv Del	rdaa	12/02/11	11/14/12	12/14/12	09/15/21	8Y 9M 1D		3575
2	Murray	Murray	Murray	C069945	People v. Flannery	Crim	rdaa	12/20/11	11/08/12	01/31/13	04/16/21	8Y 2M 16D		3405
3	Murray	Murray	Murray	C066582	SPRAWLDEF v. Calif. Dept. of Resources Recycling and Recovery et al.	Civ	3	11/08/10	08/17/11	08/31/11	03/26/19	7Y 6M 23D		3060
4	Murray	Murray	Murray	C071466	People v. J.R.	Juv Del	RDA	06/29/12	05/10/13	04/30/13	05/14/20	7Y 0M 14D	7Y 0M 4D	2876
5	Murray	Murray	Murray	C068400	Jay et al. v. Rock et al.	Civ	2	06/10/11	09/18/12	09/28/12	06/12/19	6Y 8M 15D		2924
6	Murray	Murray	Murray	C062332	People v. Kent	Crim	2	07/08/09	08/29/11	08/31/11	03/28/18	6Y 6M 25D		3185
7	Murray	Murray	Murray	C074524	People v. Turner	Crim	rdaa	08/22/13	09/08/14	09/24/14	04/20/21	6Y 6M 27D		2798
8	Murray	Murray	Murray	C072239	People v. Naylor	Crim	rdaa	10/16/12	04/26/13	05/15/13	07/31/19	6Y 2M 16D		2479
9	Murray	Murray	Murray	C074485	Citifinancial Services, Inc. v. Studebaker	Crim	rdaa	08/09/13	11/13/14	01/16/15	02/24/21	6Y 1M 8D		2756
10	Murray	Murray	Murray	C069883	Morgan etc. et al. v. Foothill Oaks Care Center, Inc., et al.	Civ	2	12/12/11	01/10/13	01/31/13	01/11/19	5Y 11M 11D		2587
11	Murray	Murray	Murray	C072574	Kaabinejadian v. McGensy et al.	Civ	2	11/20/12	11/14/13	11/27/13	07/01/19	5Y 7M 4D		2414
12	Murray	Murray	Murray	C076428	Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County v. Department of Finance et al.	Civ	3	05/08/14	05/13/15	05/29/15	12/28/20	5Y 6M 29D		2426
13	Murray	Murray	Murray	C075910	People v. Caviness	Crim	rdaa	03/05/14	07/10/17	01/07/15	08/05/20	5Y 6M 29D	3Y 0M 26D	2345
14	Murray	Murray	Murray	C077197	People v. Watson	Crim	rdaa	08/26/14	09/14/15	09/23/15	04/07/21	5Y 6M 15D		2416
15	Murray	Murray	Murray	C074335	People v. Lydon	Crim	rdaa	07/24/13	04/21/15	06/09/15	12/16/20	5Y 6M 7D		2702
16	Murray	Murray	Murray	C069663	People v. Vang	Crim/Juv	2	11/14/11	12/18/12	12/28/12	06/29/18	5Y 6M 1D		2419
17	Murray	Murray	Murray	C078368	People v. Chea	Crim	2	02/03/15	12/07/15	12/31/15	06/29/21	5Y 5M 29D		2338
18	Murray	Murray	Murray	C076691	People v. Kehrer	Crim	rdaa	06/19/14	09/25/15	10/05/15	03/10/21	5Y 5M 5D		2456

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19	Murray	Murray	C079211	People v. McKnight	Crim/ Juv	rdaa	05/11/15	11/05/15	11/05/15	04/01/21	5Y 4M 27D		2152
20	Murray	Murray	C072907	People v. Jones	Crim	RDA	01/14/13	07/29/13	07/30/13	12/21/18	5Y 4M 21D		2167
21	Murray	Murray	C076296	City of Watsonville v. Bosler et al.	Civ	3	04/24/14	01/12/15	01/30/15	05/11/20	5Y 3M 11D		2209
22	Murray		C071239	People v. Hickman	Crim	RDA	06/04/12	06/03/13	06/28/13	09/04/18	5Y 2M 7D		2283
23	Murray	Murray	C075933	Tahoe Residents United for Safe Transit et al. v. County of Placer et al.	Civ	2	03/03/14	12/23/14	12/30/14	02/28/20	5Y 1M 29D		2188
24	Murray	Reassigned	C077279	People v. Ladewig	Crim	3	09/08/14	05/13/16	05/31/16	06/29/21	5Y 0M 29D		2486
25	Murray	Murray	C078801	Bass v. Soto et al.	Civ	2	03/23/15	02/26/16	02/29/16	03/09/21	5Y 0M 8D		2178
26	Murray	Murray	C071036	People v. Santay	Crim	RDA	05/07/12	05/22/13	06/28/13	06/12/18	4Y 11M 15D		2227
27	Murray	Murray	C068036	People v. Sanchez	Crim	3	05/02/11	07/17/13	08/30/13	08/07/18	4Y 11M 8D		2654
28	Murray	Murray	C074299	Colton v. Knudsen	Civ	2	07/18/13	04/10/14	04/30/14	02/20/19	4Y 9M 21D		2043
29	Murray	Reassigned	C076447	State Department of State Hospitals v. Superior Court of San Joaquin County (Perkins)	Civ	3	05/12/14	03/17/15	03/30/15	01/09/20	4Y 9M 10D		2068
30	Murray	Murray	C065626	Meadow Vista Protection v. County of Placer et al.	Civ	4	07/21/10	02/27/12	03/23/12	12/22/16	4Y 8M 29D		2346
31	Murray	Murray	C069210	People v. Billings	Crim	2	09/16/11	09/14/12	09/28/12	06/02/17	4Y 8M 5D		2086
32	Murray	Reassigned	C072773	People v. Alston	Crim	4	01/14/13	04/10/14	08/28/14	12/28/18	4Y 4M 0D		2174
33	Murray	Murray	C079181	People v. Powell et al.	Crim	3	05/07/15	08/05/16	08/31/16	04/28/21	4Y 7M 28D		2183
34	Murray		C078862	People v. Wells	Crim	rdaa	04/02/15	10/29/15	11/02/15	06/16/20	4Y 7M 14D		1902
35	Murray	Murray	C079704	People v. Weathers	Crim	RDA	07/07/15	09/23/16	09/30/16	05/10/21	4Y 7M 10D		2134
36	Murray	Murray	C077992	People v. Winkler	Crim	4	12/16/14	03/29/16	03/30/16	11/02/20	4Y 7M 3D		2148
37	Murray	Murray	C071383	People v. Harris	Crim	RDA	06/13/12	03/26/13	03/28/13	10/24/17	4Y 6M 26D		1959

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38	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C070512	Sharp Image Gaming, Inc. v. Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians	Civ	5	03/05/12	08/09/13	02/28/13	09/15/17	4Y 6M 18D	4Y 1M 6D	2020
39	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C072267	People v. Walton	Crim	2	10/15/12	02/03/14	02/28/14	09/10/18	4Y 6M 13D		2156
40	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C072098	Davis et al. v. Coldwell Banker Doug Arnold Real Estate Inc.	Civ	2	09/27/12	04/18/14	04/30/14	11/07/18	4Y 6M 8D		2232
41	Murray		C068259	Menefee v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Civ	4	05/24/11	08/10/12	08/30/12	03/06/17	4Y 6M 4D		2113
42	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C073673	People v. Ferger	Crim	2	05/03/13	12/30/13	02/28/14	08/31/18	4Y 6M 3D		1946
43	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C074620	People v. Kumar	Crim	4	09/03/13	02/17/15	02/26/15	08/16/19	4Y 5M 21D		2173
44	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C071378	People v. Rush	Crim	RDA	06/21/12	04/16/13	04/30/13	09/29/17	4Y 4M 30D		1926
45	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C073813	Solomon v. EC Closing Corporation et al.	Civ	2	05/20/13	03/05/14	03/28/14	08/20/18	4Y 4M 23D		1918
46	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C067875	Portugal v. Western World Insurance Company	Civ	2	04/14/11	02/07/12	02/29/12	07/21/16	4Y 4M 22D		1925
47	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C068134	People v. Thomas	Crim	rdaa	05/12/11	07/19/12	08/30/12	01/20/17	4Y 4M 21D		2080
48	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C079078	American Chemistry Council v. Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment et al.	Civ	4	04/27/15	05/17/16	05/31/16	10/19/20	4Y 4M 18D		2002
49	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C080074	People v. Speegle	Crim	RDA	08/24/15	11/30/16	01/03/17	05/20/21	4Y 4M 17D		2096
50	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C076773	People v. Prakash	Crim	rdaa	06/30/14	07/13/15	08/03/15	12/17/19	4Y 4M 14D		1996
51	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C079633	People v. Woodson	Crim	RDA	07/01/15	07/28/16	08/31/16	01/07/21	4Y 4M 7D		2017
52	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C079577	Bundick v. Penny Mac Loan Services LLC	Civ	2	06/26/15	01/17/17	01/31/17	06/07/21	4Y 4M 7D		2173
53	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C073287	People v. Barnes et al.	Crim	2	03/12/13	07/18/14	07/31/14	11/30/18	4Y 3M 30D		2089

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54	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C075716	Charter School Capital, Inc. v. San Joaquin County Office of Education	Civ	3	02/03/14	09/10/14	09/30/14	01/30/19	4Y 4M 0D		1822
55	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C073796	People v. Gutierrez	Crim	rdaa	05/17/13	10/29/13	12/11/13	04/02/18	4Y 3M 22D		1781
56	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C075125	Myers et al. v. Raley's	Civ	3	11/07/13	10/16/14	10/30/14	02/13/19	4Y 3M 14D		1924
57	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C070354	People v. Martinez-Vasquez	Crim	1	02/06/12	02/22/13	02/28/13	06/12/17	4Y 3M 15D		1953
58	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C080246	People v. Carey	Crim	RDA	09/16/15	10/27/16	10/31/16	02/10/21	4Y 3M 10D		1974
59	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C069555	People v. Nichols	Crim	1	11/01/11	10/17/12	10/31/12	02/09/17	4Y 3M 9D		1927
60	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C074708	People v. Wolfington	Crim	2	09/10/13	10/21/14	10/30/14	02/04/19	4Y 3M 5D		1973
61	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C080967	Center for Environmental Science, Accuracy & Reliability v. Department of Water Resources et al.	Civ	2	12/23/15	09/22/16	10/31/16	02/01/21	4Y 3M 1D		1867
62	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C073588	Downs et al. v. City of Redding	Civ	2	04/22/13	07/14/14	07/31/14	10/30/18	4Y 2M 29D		2017
63	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C074940	People v. Haven et al.	Crim	4	10/17/13	06/01/15	06/30/15	08/28/19	4Y 1M 29D		2141
64	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C079303	People v. Mullins	Crim	rdaa	05/26/15	12/23/15	01/05/16	03/04/20	4Y 1M 28D		1744
64	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C079709	People v. Xiong	Crim	2	07/13/15	07/26/16	07/29/16	09/22/20	4Y 1M 24D		1898
66	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C082202	People v. Whiten	Crim	rdaa	06/09/16	03/20/17	03/27/17	05/18/21	4Y 1M 21D		1804
67	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C080762	Gifford v. Dingman et al.	Civ	1	11/19/15	12/20/16	01/03/17	02/23/21	4Y 1M 20D		1923
68	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C074919	People v. Thurman	Crim	RDA	10/15/13	06/23/14	06/26/14	07/30/18	4Y 1M 4D		1749
69	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C074632	People v. Haley	Crim	RDA	09/13/13	11/07/14	11/25/14	12/24/18	4Y 0M 29D		1928
70	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C065484	People v. Ackerman et al.	Crim	6	07/09/10	04/18/12	10/31/12	11/09/16	4Y 0M 9D		2315
71	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C081210	People v. Wrobel	Crim	RDA	02/01/16	12/29/16	04/26/17	04/30/21	4Y 0M 4D		1915
72	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C082461	People v. Howze	Crim	rdaa	07/13/16	03/14/17	03/15/17	03/10/21	3Y 11M 23D		1701

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73	Murray	Murray	C080861	People v. Fernandez	Crim	RDA	12/11/15	01/30/17	01/31/17	01/20/21	3Y 11M 20D		1867
74	Murray	Murray	C081690	People v. Clapp	Crim	rdaa	03/30/16	04/04/17	04/19/17	04/05/21	3Y 11M 17D		1832
75	Murray	Murray	C074411	People v. Koenig	Crim	6	08/05/13	12/07/16	01/03/17	12/15/20	3Y 11M 12D		2689
76	Murray	Murray	C071070	People v. Applegate	Crim	2	05/15/12	01/17/13	01/31/13	01/11/17	3Y 11M 11D		1702
77	Murray	Murray	C077816	Davis v. Roy	FL	2	11/12/14	09/22/15	09/29/15	09/06/19	3Y 11M 8D		1759
78	Murray	Reassigned	C071825	People v. BOWENS	Crim	1	08/15/12	09/30/13	09/30/14	08/28/18	3Y 10M 29D		2204
79	Murray	Murray	C077666	People v. Lucero	Crim	4	10/29/14	11/17/15	11/30/15	10/25/19	3Y 10M 25D		1822
80	Murray	Murray	C082454	People v. Sanders	Crim	rdaa	07/20/16	04/24/17	05/05/17	03/29/21	3Y 10M 24D		1713
81	Murray	Reassigned	C074902	McCain v. A.F. Evans Company Inc., et al.	Civ	2	10/11/13	08/18/15	08/31/15	07/12/19	3Y 10M 11D		2100
82	Murray	Reassigned	C070770	Scholes v. Lambirth Trucking Company	Civ	2	04/09/12	04/03/13	04/30/13	03/07/17	3Y 10M 5D		1793
83	Murray	Murray	C083364	People v. Lee	Crim	rdaa	11/08/16	07/06/17	07/14/17	05/20/21	3Y 10M 6D		1654
84	Murray	Murray	C082558	People v. Easley	Crim	rdaa	07/27/16	04/13/17	04/25/17	02/23/21	3Y 9M 29D		1672
85	Murray	Murray	C083602	People v. Borihan	Crim	rdaa	01/06/17	04/14/17	05/19/17	03/16/21	3Y 9M 25D		1530
86	Murray	Murray	C082846	Thompson v. Miller	Civ	rdaa	08/10/16	06/19/17	06/30/17	04/26/21	3Y 9M 27D		1720
87	Murray	Murray	C082070	People v. Cummings	Crim	rdaa	05/18/16	06/13/17	06/15/17	04/08/21	3Y 9M 24D		1786
88	Murray	Murray	C069659	People v. Williams et al.	Crim	2	11/09/11	03/21/13	03/28/13	01/13/17	3Y 9M 16D		1892
89	Murray		C076171	People v. Holston	Crim	rdaa	04/08/14	08/19/14	10/09/14	07/24/18	3Y 9M 15D		1568
90	Murray	Murray	C078000	Lundquist v. Lundquist	Civ	3	12/15/14	09/06/16	09/30/16	06/24/20	3Y 8M 25D		2018
91	Murray	Murray	C072928	People v. Ferguson	Crim	rdaa	01/17/13	05/02/13	06/14/13	02/23/17	3Y 8M 9D		1498
92	Murray	Murray	C083382	People v. Sanders	Crim	rdaa	11/07/16	06/15/17	06/19/17	02/26/21	3Y 8M 7D		1572

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93	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C083696	People v. Sprague	Crim	rdaa	12/12/16	07/17/17	07/19/17	03/19/21	3Y 8M 0D		1558
94	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C081809	People v. Robertson	Crim	rdaa	04/08/16	01/30/17	02/03/17	09/28/20	3Y 7M 25D		1634
95	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C083127	People v. Deponente	Crim	rdaa	10/05/16	08/07/17	08/14/17	04/05/21	3Y 7M 22D		1643
96	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C078073	People v. B.H.	Juv Del	RDA	12/19/14	01/11/16	10/30/15	06/18/19	3Y 7M 19D	3Y 5M 7D	1642
97	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C078460	California Casualty Indemnity Exchange v. Downs	Civ	3	02/09/15	02/07/17	02/28/17	10/09/20	3Y 7M 11D		2069
98	Murray		C070925	Menefee v. CarMax Auto Superstores California, LLC	Civ	4	04/24/12	07/11/13	07/30/13	03/06/17	3Y 7M 4D		1777
99	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C068213	Timber Management Services Inc., et al. v. Zeinfeld et al.	Civ	3	05/20/11	05/01/12	05/31/12	12/28/15	3Y 6M 27D		1683
100	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C082028	People v. Frazier	Crim	rdaa	05/17/16	07/05/17	08/07/17	02/23/21	3Y 6M 16D		1743
101	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C078089	Mitchell v. Smith et al.	Civ	2	12/24/14	08/17/15	08/31/15	03/13/19	3Y 6M 10D		1540
102	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C073598	Towers et al. v. County of San Joaquin et al.	Civ	5	04/22/13	01/13/14	01/29/14	08/02/17	3Y 6M 4D		1563
103	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C077073	People v. Walker	Crim	2	08/07/14	01/13/16	01/29/16	07/26/19	3Y 5M 27D		1814
104	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C080915	People v. Polk	Crim	3	12/23/15	03/21/17	03/30/17	08/31/20	3Y 5M 1D		1713
105	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C072288	Solomon et al. v. E-Loan, Inc. et al.	Civ	2	10/22/12	12/24/13	12/31/13	06/02/17	3Y 5M 2D		1684
106	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C081843	People v. Roberts	Crim	4	04/14/16	02/28/18	03/28/18	08/20/21	3Y 4M 23D		1954
107	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C078115	People v. Montalvo	Crim	2	01/02/15	01/26/16	01/29/16	06/20/19	3Y 4M 22D		1630
108	Murray		C071870	Wakamatsu v. Winner Chevrolet, Inc.	Civ	2	08/20/12	08/22/13	08/30/13	01/18/17	3Y 4M 19D		1612
109	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C080826	People v. Robertson	Crim	rdaa	12/03/15	03/24/17	04/04/17	08/21/20	3Y 4M 17D		1723

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111	Murray	Murray	C066987	In re Eric Tyrone Richardson on Habeas Corpus	Crim	rdaa	12/29/10	04/06/11	06/23/11	10/31/14	3Y 4M 8D		1402
112	Murray	Reassigned	C081559	Whitaker v. Wells Fargo, N.A.	Civ	2	03/14/16	11/16/16	11/30/16	03/26/20	3Y 3M 25D		1473
113	Murray	Murray	C071300	People v. Deanda	Crim	rdaa	06/12/12	09/09/13	11/04/13	02/21/17	3Y 3M 17D		1715
114	Murray	Murray	C082707	People v. Thompson	Crim	rdaa	08/16/16	05/03/17	05/04/17	08/12/20	3Y 3M 8D		1457
115	Murray	Murray	C069047	People v. Singh	Crim	RDA	08/25/11	03/07/12	03/23/12	06/24/15	3Y 3M 1D		1399
116	Murray	Murray	C084108	People v. Brashear	Crim	rdaa	02/10/17	08/07/17	08/14/17	11/02/20	3Y 2M 19D		1361
117	Murray	Murray	C064420	People v. Armstrong	Crim	2	03/10/10	05/27/11	05/31/11	08/11/14	3Y 2M 11D		1615
118	Murray	Murray	C080931	Vega v. Farmers Insurance Group et al.	Civ	1	12/21/15	12/06/16	01/03/17	03/11/20	3Y 2M 8D		1542
119	Murray	Murray	C077096	People v. Bodiford	Crim	RDA	08/11/14	08/28/15	08/31/15	10/26/18	3Y 1M 25D		1537
120	Murray	Murray	C081124	People v. Littleton	Crim	rdaa	01/20/16	02/02/17	02/15/17	04/07/20	3Y 1M 23D		1539
121	Murray	Murray	C079864	Barker v. Barker	FL	RDA	07/30/15	04/25/16	04/29/16	06/18/19	3Y 1M 20D		1419
122	Murray	Murray	C065097	You Never Know, LLC v. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee etc., et al.	Civ	2	05/18/10	07/18/11	07/29/11	09/09/14	3Y 1M 11D		1575
123	Murray	Murray	C069146	People v. Schenberger	Crim	2	09/07/11	09/20/13	09/30/13	11/07/16	3Y 1M 8D		1888
124	Murray	Murray	C070420	People v. Shields	Crim	1	02/22/12	09/06/12	09/28/12	11/03/15	3Y 1M 6D		1350
125	Murray	Murray	C064487	People v. Compbel et al.	Crim	RDA	03/19/10	05/12/11	05/31/11	07/02/14	3Y 1M 1D		1566
126	Murray	Murray	C074267	People v. Blessett	Crim	3	07/17/13	03/02/15	03/30/15	04/30/18	3Y 1M 0D		1748
127	Murray	Reassigned	C078308	Kryvoshey v. AHMSI Default Services Inc. et al.	Civ	2	01/27/15	02/16/16	01/29/16	02/27/19	3Y 0M 29D	3Y 0M 11D	1492

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128	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C078461	Mejia v. Retailers Credit Association of Grass Valley, Inc. et al.	Civ	2	02/10/15	02/01/16	02/29/16	03/22/19	3Y 0M 21D		1501
129	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C080194	People v. Bell	Crim	rdaa	09/03/15	01/20/16	02/16/16	03/04/19	3Y 0M 16D		1278
130	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C080474	Sacramento Municipal Utility District v. Kwan	Civ	2	10/15/15	09/22/16	09/30/16	05/15/19	2Y 7M 15D		1308
131	Murray	<i>Reassigned</i>	C079905	Kalani v. Castle Village, LLC	Civ	2	08/04/15	07/26/16	07/29/16	02/28/19	2Y 6M 30D		1304
132	Murray	<i>Murray</i>	C083564	In re A.R., et al., a Minor (Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services v. S.R.)	Juv Dep	rdaa	12/09/16	06/21/17	06/01/17	01/15/19	1Y 7M 14D	1Y 6M 25D	767

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STIPULATION FOR DISCIPLINE
BY CONSENT (Rule 127)

Pursuant to rule 127(d) of the Rules of the Commission on Judicial Performance, former Justice William J. Murray, Jr., submits the following affidavit of consent in Inquiry No. 211:

1. I consent to a public censure and agree not to seek or hold judicial office, accept a position or an assignment as a judicial officer, subordinate judicial officer, or judge pro tem with any court in the State of California, or accept a reference of work from any California state court, at any time as set forth in the Stipulation for Discipline by Consent.
2. My consent is freely and voluntarily rendered.
3. I admit the truth of the charges as modified by the Stipulation for Discipline by Consent.
4. I waive all further proceedings and review by the Supreme Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 24th day of November, 2025.



Former Justice William J. Murray Jr.
Respondent