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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ISSUES
PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT OF JUDGE ROBIN L. WOLFE

The Commission on Judicial Performance has publicly admonished Judge Robin L. Wolfe of Tulare County Superior Court.

The commission determined that it should publicly admonish Judge Wolfe for engaging in numerous acts of serious misconduct. Without authority, Judge Wolfe ordered a court employee to personally appear before her and threatened the employee with monetary sanctions. She also summoned another court employee to her courtroom to admonish her and directed her to apologize to a litigant. Judge Wolfe implemented blanket policies regarding cell phone possession that were contrary to local court rules. She improperly confiscated a litigant's cell phone and retained possession of it until the end of the court day. Judge Wolfe also excluded domestic violence support persons from counsel table and refused a reasonable ADA accommodation request from a litigant.

In aggravation, Judge Wolfe's misconduct had a detrimental effect on both professional relationships with family court services staff and court administration, and on litigants.

The 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 Wolfe is represented by Kathleen M. Ewins, Esq. and Jacklyn Martello-Berg, Esq. of Long & Levit, LLP of San Francisco.

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

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