

BEFORE THE INVESTIGATIVE PANEL OF THE  
FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION  
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE NOS. 08-392 and 08-360  
RE: JUDGE ANGELA DEMPSEY

**NOTICE OF FORMAL CHARGES**

To: Honorable Angela Dempsey  
Leon County Courthouse  
301 S. Monroe Street, Room 301-A  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

You are hereby notified that the Investigative Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, by a majority vote of its members, determined, pursuant to Rule 6(f) of the Rules of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, as revised, and Article V, § 12(b) of the Constitution of the State of Florida that probable cause exists for formal proceedings to be, and the same are hereby instituted against you to inquire into charges based upon allegations that during your 2008 election campaign for the office you now occupy (the campaign), you engaged in improper conduct in that to wit:

1. During the campaign, an advertisement appeared on YouTube entitled "re-elect" Judge Dempsey when you had not previously been elected to the circuit court but instead had been appointed to the bench in 2005, in violation of Canon 7A(3)(d)(ii) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

2. During the campaign, one of your mailers represented to the voting public that you had 20 years of legal experience when in fact you were not admitted to practice law until 1994, in violation of Canon 7A(3)(d)(ii) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

These acts, if they occurred as alleged, would impair the confidence of the citizens of this state in the integrity of the judicial system and in you as a judge, would constitute a violation of the cited Canon of the Code of Judicial Conduct, and would warrant discipline, including but not limited to your removal from office and/or any other appropriate discipline recommended by the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission.

You are hereby notified that your right to file an answer to the above charges made against you within twenty (20) days of service of this notice upon you.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Formal Charges has been furnished by U.S. Mail to:

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on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2009.

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Attorney