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Honorable William R. Shaffer
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HARRISBURG. May 16, 2005 – The Judicial Conduct Board has instituted formal proceedings against Butler County Court of Common Pleas Judge William R. Shaffer. A Board Complaint was filed with the Court of Judicial Discipline in Harrisburg, on Friday, May 13, 2005.

Specifically, the Board Complaint concerns allegations of engaging in conduct which constitutes neglect or failure to perform the duties of office; and failing to dispose promptly of the business of the Court.

In accordance with rules that govern proceedings before the Court of Judicial Discipline, Judge Shaffer has an opportunity to respond to the charges and a right to a public hearing at which the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.

Following completion of the hearing, the Court will determine if the charges have been proven by clear and convincing evidence. If so, a Sanctions Hearing will be scheduled at which time the Court determines what sanctions to impose.

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Note: Board Complaint attached