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The Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission today announced that an agreed Letter of Reprimand has been issued to Judge Edwin Keaton of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

A copy of the formal reprimand against Judge Keaton follows.



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3<sup>rd</sup> Division Circuit Court  
145 Jefferson St SW  
Camden, AR 71701

### LETTER OF REPRIMAND

RE: Cases 08124, 08154, 08155, 08263, 08268

Dear Judge Keaton:

During its January 16, 2009 meeting, the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission decided to issue a Letter of Reprimand to you in complaint(s) #08124, 08154, 08155, 08263, 08268. At a Probable Cause Determination the Commission considered the findings of the investigation, your admissions and apology. The Commission found probable cause that you violated the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct.

The Commission found that you were an elected circuit court judge at all times relevant to the matter under consideration. The Commission also found that in several cases you have failed to decide matters before you in a prompt and expedient manner and failed to report those delays under Administrative Order #3.

You have admitted that you violated the Code of Judicial Conduct and apologized to the Commission. The Commission considered your agreement to hereafter report cases under advisement for more than 90 days to the proper authorities, clear the backlog of long-pending cases in your court within 20 days and waive your right to a Formal Disciplinary Hearing.

For your conduct in violating this provision of the Code of Judicial Conduct, it is the decision of the Commission that you be reprimanded. This public reprimand constitutes adequate discipline and no further action is warranted. Further discipline may occur if the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission finds similar violations in the future. This Commission action is public information.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Stewart".

David A. Stewart  
Executive Director