

All Things Judicial Podcast Focuses on Public Confidence in North Carolina's Courts and the Role of the Judicial Standards Commission



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RALEIGH — The [latest episode](#) of the *All Things Judicial* podcast focuses on the [Judicial Standards Commission](#), which serves as an arm of the [Supreme Court of North Carolina](#) to give advice regarding the [Code of Judicial Conduct](#), provide training to judges on their ethical duties, and to evaluate and investigate complaints of judicial misconduct. In appropriate cases, the Commission initiates disciplinary proceedings against judges for the purpose of making disciplinary recommendations to the Supreme Court.



"Judges have to have the attitude that we are here to serve and not to be served," said [Judge Chris Dillion](#) on the podcast. "Just because (a judicial complaint) gets dismissed, doesn't necessarily mean it wasn't of some value, because they're all invaluable, because it helps us create better practices for that judge to make sure they are being perceived well by the public."

Guests are Judge Chris Dillon, chair of the Judicial Standards Commission, Carolyn Dubay, executive director of the Commission, and Commission members Allison Mullins and Donald Porter. They discuss the importance of the Commission in preserving public confidence in the integrity, impartiality, and independence of the Judicial Branch, the unique role that judges, lawyers, and citizens play in

evaluating questions of judicial conduct, and some of the most common and concerning issues that come to the Commission's attention. This episode was released in recognition of National Ethics Awareness Month, which is celebrated this year during the month of March.

MORE INFORMATION

All Things Judicial is a podcast about the important role of the North Carolina Judicial Branch in state government. The podcast follows a bi-monthly release schedule with each new episode available for download every other Wednesday and can be found on all podcast apps and on [NCcourts.gov](https://www.nccourts.gov).

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About North Carolina Judicial Branch

The [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#) is an equal and distinctively separate branch and core function of government. More than 6,400 Judicial Branch employees statewide administer justice in courthouses in North Carolina's 100 counties. The [Judicial Branch budget for FY 2019–20](#) was \$578.4M, nearly 88.4% of which is used to pay salaries and the remaining 11.6% is used for operations. The Judicial Branch receives only 2.37% of the overall State budget.

About North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts

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