

# Press Release

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **PUBLIC REPRIMAND ISSUED TO FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE REGINA M. CHU**

The Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards (Board) issued a public reprimand to Fourth Judicial District Judge Regina M. Chu. The public reprimand was issued to Judge Chu after she admitted to driving an automobile with a blood alcohol concentration greater than the legal limit. The Board concluded that these actions were contrary to the *Minnesota Code on Judicial Conduct, Canons 1 and 2A*, as well as the *Rules of the Board on Judicial Standards, ("R.Bd.Jud.Std.")*, *Rules 4(a) (5) and (6)*, as set forth below:

#### *Canon 1*

#### *A Judge Should Uphold the Integrity and Independence of the Judiciary*

*An independent and honorable judiciary is indispensable to justice in our society. A judge should participate in establishing, maintaining and enforcing standards of conduct, and personally observe those standards in order to preserve the integrity and independence of the judiciary. The provisions of this Code should be construed and applied to further that objective.*

*Canon 2*

*A Judge Shall Avoid Impropriety and the Appearance of  
Impropriety in All of the Judge's Activities*

- A. *A judge shall respect and comply with the law and act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.*

*Rule 4, Rules of the Board on Judicial Standards  
Grounds for Discipline*

*(a) Grounds for Discipline Shall Include:*

- (5) Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office in to disrepute. . .*
- (6) Conduct that constitutes a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct or Professional Responsibility.*