

# Press Release

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **PUBLIC REPRIMAND ISSUED TO FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE CHARLES A. PORTER, JR.**

The Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards has imposed a public reprimand on Fourth Judicial District Judge Charles A. Porter, Jr. The discipline was administered after the Board determined there was sufficient cause to conclude that Judge Porter had made comments to a reporter employed by the Minneapolis Star Tribune about a probation revocation impending before the Hennepin County District Court.

The comments of Judge Porter were in violation of the Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct, *Canon 3A(8)*, which provides as follows:

A judge shall abstain from public comment about a pending or impending proceeding in any court, and shall require similar abstention on the part of court personnel subject to the judge's direction and control. The subsection does not prohibit judges from making public statements in the course of their official duties or from explaining for public information the procedures of the court. This section does not apply to proceedings in which the judge is a litigant in a personal capacity.