

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN JUDICIAL TENURE COMMISSION

COMPLAINT AGAINST:

Hon. Elizabeth Biolette Church

Probate District Judge
Chippewa County, City-County Building
325 Court Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

RFI Nos. 2014-21034 and 2014-21209

DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION
(CONCURRING IN PART; DISSENTING IN PART)

At a session of the Michigan Judicial
Tenure Commission, held on December
14, 2015, in Detroit, Michigan at which the
following Commissioners were

PRESENT:

Hon. David H. Sawyer, Chairperson
Hon. Pablo Cortes, Vice-Chairperson
Nancy J. Diehl, Esq., Secretary
Thomas J. Ryan, Esq.
Hon. Nanci J. Grant
Hon. Monte Burmeister
Hon. Michael M. Hathaway
David T. Fischer¹
Melissa B. Spickler

I concur in the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the majority opinion; Respondent has engaged in a disturbing pattern of misconduct. I dissent from the recommendation, though, as I do not feel that the 120-day suspension is sufficient given the extent of Respondent's misconduct. In my opinion, Respondent may simply not have "the right stuff" to be a judge. Regardless, public censure and a more severe suspension without pay is warranted.



David T. Fischer

¹ Commissioner Fischer is not related to the examiner.