



**BEFORE THE STATE COMMISSION
ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

CJC No. 20-0267

**PUBLIC ADMONITION
AND
ORDER OF ADDITIONAL EDUCATION**

**HONORABLE ROSIE SPEEDLIN GONZÁLEZ
COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 13
SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

During its meeting on February 5-7, 2020, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct concluded a review of the allegations against the Honorable Rosie Speedlin González, County Court at Law No. 13, in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. Judge Speedlin González was advised by letter of the Commission's concerns and provided a written response. Judge Speedlin González appeared before the Commission on February 6, 2020, and gave testimony. After considering the evidence before it, the Commission entered the following Findings and Conclusion:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Honorable Rosie Speedlin González was Judge of County Court at Law No. 13, in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.
2. Judge Speedlin González maintains a Facebook page that identifies her as the Judge of Bexar County Court at Law No. 13, which she uses to disseminate information regarding the court to the public (her "Judicial Facebook Page").
3. Between August 21, 2019, and October 25, 2019, Judge Speedlin González made at least 8, separate posts on her Judicial Facebook Page, regarding 12 attorneys, in which she congratulated those attorneys on winning jury verdicts in her court and lauded their results and professional backgrounds.

4. After receiving the Commission's written inquiry in this matter, Judge Speedlin González stopped making additional posts of that nature to her Judicial Facebook Page, though the above-referenced posts remain publicly visible on her Judicial Facebook Page.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

Canon 2B of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct provides in relevant part: "A judge shall not lend the prestige of judicial office to advance the private interests of the judge or others..."

CONCLUSION


Based upon the record before it and the factual findings recited above, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct determined that the Honorable Rosie Speedlin González, Judge of the County Court at Law No. 13, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, should be publicly admonished and ordered to obtain additional education for posting messages on her Judicial Facebook Page congratulating attorneys for verdicts in her Court and lauding those attorneys' results and professional backgrounds, which constitutes a willful and persistent violation of Canon 2B of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct.

Pursuant to this Order, Judge Speedlin González must obtain **4 hours** of instruction with a mentor, in addition to her required annual judicial education for Fiscal Year 2020. Specifically, the Commission mandates that Judge Speedlin González receive this additional education in the area of avoiding actions which would lend the prestige of her judicial office to advance the private interests of the judge or others. Pursuant to the authority contained in §33.036 of the Texas Government Code, the Commission authorizes the disclosure of certain information relating to this matter to the Texas Center for the Judiciary to the extent necessary to deliver commission-ordered education.

Judge Speedlin González shall complete the additional **4 hours** of instruction recited above within **60 days** from the date of written notification of the assignment of a mentor. Upon receiving such notice, it is Judge Speedlin González's responsibility to contact the assigned mentor and schedule the additional education.

The Commission has taken this action pursuant to the authority conferred it in Article V, §1-a of the Texas Constitution in a continuing effort to promote confidence in and high standards for the judiciary.

Issued this the 18th day of March, 2020.



David Hall
Chairman, State Commission on Judicial Conduct