

# Judge Kicked Off Bench After Contacting Witnesses in Wife's Case

A juvenile and domestic relations judge in southwest Virginia was removed from the bench by the Virginia Supreme Court after he admitted contacting two key witnesses in a pending federal corruption case against his wife, according to [The Washington Post](#).

“Pomrenke also has been found guilty of contempt of court by a federal judge in Bristol in connection with his wife’s case and on Thursday was sentenced to two months in prison and ordered to pay the maximum allowable fine of \$1,000,” writes the *Post*’s [Tom Jackman](#).

His wife, Stacey Pomrenke is serving a 34-month prison sentence on multiple charges of conspiracy, extortion and wire fraud from her time as chief financial officer of Bristol Virginia Utilities.

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