Ethics Charges Filed Against 6 of 7 Arkansas Supreme Court Justices

Six of the seven members of the Arkansas Supreme Court were formally charged Thursday with violating the state's judicial canons, an unprecedented action that stemmed from a complaint filed by Pulaski County Circuit Judge Wendell Griffen, reports the ***Arkansas Democrat-Gazette***.

The Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission accused the justices of failing to provide sufficient chance for Griffen to defend himself as they weighed whether to remove him from all cases involving the death penalty. Griffen's subsequent removal stemmed from his participation in a public protest against executions.

"Griffen attracted a whirlwind of attention in April 2017, when he issued an order that temporarily halted the state's plans to carry out executions, and that same day he participated in a public protest against the death penalty," writes reporter **John Moritz**. "The protest was held in front of the Governor's Mansion."

Read the *Democrat-Gazette* article.