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R.I. District Court Judge Rafael Ovalles is being investigated for sexual harassment, the mistreatment of women, attorneys, court employees and the public.

From NBC 10 NEWS: "Investigation into RI judge lengthy, costly," by Parker Gavigan

CRANSTON, R.I., Dec. 9, 2015: The accusations against Rhode Island District Court Judge Rafael Ovalles are lengthy: sexual harassment, the mistreatment of woman, attorneys, court employees, and the public. Add to that, charges of poor performance and odd behavior, like repeatedly taking his pants off in his office while in the presence of others, as well as taking naps during the middle of the day.

"I have not seen anything like this," **said Michael Yelnosky, dean of Roger Williams Law School**.

The Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline, the state disciplinary body responsible for investigating complaints against judges, released a 21-page detailed report on Tuesday, laying out the damaging accusations facing the judge.

"The commission took this very seriously. My sense is they got some discrete complaints, and by discrete I mean a couple complaints, and when they when to investigate they found a lot more," **said Yelnosky**.

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