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**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT SETS DATE FOR  
PUBLIC HEARING ON FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST JUDGE SANTO J. RUMA**

BOSTON, MA (February 16, 2006) - The Public Hearing on the Formal Charges against Peabody District Court Judge Santo J. Ruma will begin on April 18, 2006 at 9 a.m. The Hearing will take place at the Suffolk County Courthouse, Three Pemberton Square in Boston. The Hearing will be presided over by the Hearing Officer appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court, retired Superior Court Judge Charles F. Barrett. The Supreme Judicial Court has appointed Attorney Joseph D. Steinfield as Special Counsel to represent the Commission in this matter.

This Hearing will take place pursuant to G.L. c.211C, §7 and Commission Rule 10. The Commission's governing statute and rules are available on the Commission's website:

[www.mass.gov/cjc](http://www.mass.gov/cjc). The Formal Charges and Judge Ruma's Response, which were attached to the Commission's press release of January 31, 2006, will be posted shortly on the Commission's website.

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