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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
April 14, 2006

**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND JUDGE RUMA REACH  
AGREED DISPOSITION**

**BOSTON, MA (April 14, 2006)** -- The Commission on Judicial Conduct has entered into an Agreed Disposition with Hon. Santo J. Ruma, First Justice of the Peabody District Court. The Agreed Disposition, which resolves the Formal Charges filed on January 31, 2006, is attached. Accordingly, the Public Hearing scheduled for April 18, 2006 is cancelled.

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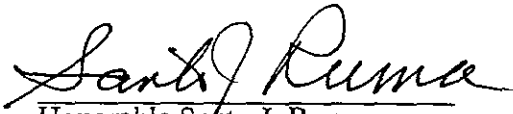
**BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

**Complaint No. 2004-57**

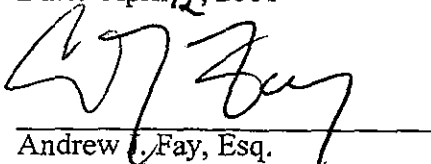
**AGREED DISPOSITION**

The Commission on Judicial Conduct ("the Commission") and Judge Santo J. Ruma ("Judge Ruma"), First Justice of the Peabody District Court, hereby agree to dispose of Complaint No. 2004-57 upon the following terms and conditions. Formal Charges in this matter were filed with the Supreme Judicial Court on January 31, 2006. The Public Hearing on the Formal Charges was scheduled to begin on April 18, 2006.

1. Judge Ruma agrees to waive his right to a public hearing in this matter.
2. After further investigation, the Commission permanently closes the Formal Charges with an expression of concern.
3. Judge Ruma recognizes the Commission's concern and agrees to follow Rule 43 and/or Rule 44 in any contempt matter.
4. Judge Ruma recognizes that it is ordinarily preferable to issue a prior warning before placing a spectator in custody.
5. The parties agree that the Commission will issue the press release attached hereto as Exhibit A, and that neither party will make any further public comment regarding this matter.

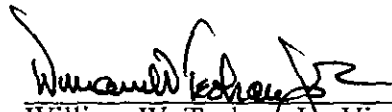


Honorable Santo J. Ruma  
Date: April 12, 2006



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Date: April 13, 2006



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