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INVESTIGATION BY COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT OF ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER DELAY AT ROXBURY DISTRICT COURT CONCLUDES

BOSTON, MA (Feb. 15, 2007) -- Pursuant to the written request of Boston Municipal Court Chief Justice Charles R. Johnson, the Commission undertook a thorough investigation of the allegations regarding Judge Michael C. Bolden and Judge Edward R. Redd which the media reported at the end of September, 2006. Every facet regarding the continuance of the civil case at issue, 3 Douglass Park Condominium Association v. Dianne Wilkerson, was examined. All pertinent witnesses were interviewed, case files and dockets examined, and court procedures scrutinized. The Commission's investigation revealed that, while there was inadvertent delay in the processing of this case, there was no misconduct on the part of any judge. Accordingly, the Commission voted at its February 13, 2007 meeting to dismiss the complaints against Judges Bolden and Redd.

All three of the above-mentioned judges agreed to waive their rights of confidentiality under MGL c.211C, §6 and Commission Rule 5, so that the public could be informed of these results.