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RE: Complaint Nos. 2007-89 and 2007-108

Dear Judge Neel:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to respond to the charges contained in the Commission's Statement of Allegations. I will attempt to respond to each of the allegations, and I request an opportunity to be heard in person.

#### 1. Alien Warnings

I concede that I did not provide the full statutory warnings to the defendants referenced in January, 2005.<sup>1</sup> At that time, the law was unclear as to whether the full warnings had to be provided in the colloquy to citizens who would not suffer adverse consequences under the statute.

Indeed, the Supreme Judicial Court has determined that a judge must be reversed in accepting a plea without giving the statutory warnings only if the defendant can demonstrate that he or she may face one of the enumerated consequences contained in the statute. See *Comm. v. Berthold*, 441 Mass. 183 (2004); See also, *Comm. v. Casimir*, 68 Mass. App. Ct. 257 (2007); *Comm. v. Barreiro*, 67 Mass. App. Ct. 25 (2006); *Comm. v. Agbogun*, 58 Mass. App. Ct. 206 (2003).

At that time and subsequent to that time, there have been hundreds of decisions by the Appellate Courts in Massachusetts concerning a judge's duty to provide alien and other necessary warnings in his/her, plea colloquy. (See Exhibit 1). These cases reflect appellate decisions on a matter of law and do not represent an intentional violation of the canons of judicial conduct. I did sign the section of the tender of plea form that certified that I addressed and informed each defendant of the consequences of the tender of plea if he was an alien. The certification was not correct, but the act was not intended to be untruthful. It was a form that I signed, a form that is used to guide a judge through the colloquy and disposition of the tender of plea. I signed the form to ensure that I completed the requirements. Knowledge of the place of birth of each defendant, I believed, completed the section's requirement. In retrospect, I should have marked the section, "citizen" or something of equal value. I was not attempting to establish an untruthful record.

These incidents occurred 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  years ago, and I have changed my practice for many years and in hundreds of pleas and colloquies.

Of more importance, however, is that when I was informed by the Office of the Attorney General that my interpretation of the statute was incorrect and I was required to give the full statutory warning in each case, I have been doing just that. On January 26, 2006, I provided the full warning to each of the three defendants. I have provided the full warning for the last 4 ½ years, and there has not been one complaint since January, 2005.<sup>2</sup>

#### 2. Colloquy

I admit, as well, that in two cases in September, 2003 in accepting a tender of plea, I failed to verbally inquire whether the defendants were under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Again, this legal issue has been the subject of numerous appellate decisions. The appellate case law is replete with decisions concerning the adequacy of the colloquy, even after the judge signed the tender and certification. (See Exhibit 2). Just last month, the Supreme Judicial Court through Justice Ireland reiterated that a motion to vacate a plea should not be allowed unless the three constitutional rights contained in the statute had not been provided. *Comm. v. Hubbard*, 457 Mass. 24 (2010).

The position taken by the Commission is contrary to what I believed, at the time, was the most natural reading of the certification. The second sentence of the certifications begins, "I made appropriate inquiry...." The most natural reading to me, at the time, was that I was required to "ma(k)e appropriate inquiry" into the mental capacity of each defendant to enter into the plea. To satisfy this requirement, I proceeded under the belief that I was required to ask a direct question concerning the defendant's consumption of "drugs, medication, liquor or other substances." In my view at the time, resolving this issue by situational inference would reflect uncertainty. My belief was that the court must probe into the relevant inquiry with a direct question that asked each defendant whether he had consumed any alcohol or drugs. I believed that this question was required in order to find that the defendants voluntarily entered into their pleas. I did not believe that it was permissible, as suggested by the Commission's statement of Allegations, that I could make the certification "merely" because I "was satisfied that each defendant was 'not under the influence of any drugs, medication, liquor or other substance that would impair his or her ability to fully understand those rights' on the date of their pleas."

In Comm v. Correa, 43 Mass. App. Ct. 714 (1997), the Appeals Court stated that, to determine whether a defendant's plea is voluntary, the court should conduct a "real probe of the defendant's mind," which should include a determination of "whether the defendant was under the influence of alcohol or drugs." Id. at 717-718. In the context of a motion for a new trial, the Appeals Court decided in Comm v. Estrada, 69 Mass. App. Ct. 514 (2007), that absent any indication of impairment the failure to make the inquiry will not provide, as matter of law, a right

The issue with regard to alien warnings was not unique to me and was the practice of a number of judges at Chelsea District Court. The letters from retired Justices Alan Jarasitis and Paul Buckley make clear that we all discussed this legal issue at the Chelsea District Court and had all, incorrectly, followed the same procedure. (See Exhibits 3 & 4).

to relief. The court stated,

"(a)bsent some indication that the defendant's judgment is impaired by alcohol, drugs or medication at the time of his admission or plea, particular questions from the judge probing that possibility, while helpful, are not essential to establishing the intelligence and voluntariness of the admission of the admission or plea. Much more probative are the judge's observations of the defendant during the colloquy, particularly the defendant's interactions with his attorney and the judge and the manner in which the defendant follows and responds to questions posed. Ordinarily, the judge may infer from these observations the defendant's understanding and competence to enter an admission or plea." (Footnote omitted)

Id. at (2007). And the court noted that, "(t)he mere fact that the defendant 'had any drugs or alcohol in this system' does not render the defendant incompetent or his plea involuntary. What is important is whether the defendant's understanding is so impaired by alcohol, drugs or medication as to render him incapable of rational judgment." Id at n.7. But, at the time, I understood the language of the form as requiring, as matter of law, that I make the determination, and in a direct and unambiguous way. I vacated the pleas because of my understanding and the demonstrated showing through the transcript that, contrary to what I believed was required, I did not make the "appropriate inquiry." The Appeals Court has explained the context of what questioning is required. My interpretation was different. My legal reasoning should not be characterized as being "not true." More importantly, since the Appeals Court decision, I always make a specific note on each plea regarding this portion of the colloquy. <sup>3</sup>

Finally, I could not have ruled on Jamie Estrada's motion on July 6, 2006. The defendant's motion is dated July 6, 2006. Notice of the motion was delivered, in hand, to the Norfolk County District Attorney on July 7, 2006. My endorsement of the allowance of the motion is made on the page dated by defense counsel as July 6, 2006. The Commonwealth's motion for clarification, Exhibit Q, states that, as of October 11, 2006, my ruling had not been entered on the docket. The Commonwealth references an exhibit, but it is not part of the record. Each docket does place the date of my decision as having occurred on July 6, 2006. But, these are typewritten entries. Respectfully, the docket entries must have been reconstructed. And, the reconstruction must have used my endorsement on the page of the date the defendants' motions were drafted as the date of my decision.

With regard to the allegations regarding ex parte communications concerning these cases, upon receipt of the letter I did call Suffolk County/ADA Christina Miller to discuss procedural and scheduling issues. I was not attempting to gain any tactical advantages. It was not a violation of Cannon 3(b)(7)(A).

With regard to the allowance of the motions, both presented the same issues in open court and one as an emergency motion. I should not have acted upon them without the presence of the Suffolk County District Attorney, but a Norfolk County District Attorney was present.

I did consult with my colleagues. My counsel's statement to the Commission, a conveyance of my statement to him, was the truth. I understand that docket entries generally control, but the evidence reveals that in the administrative duty of reconstructing the docket, there was an error. I could not decide a motion on a date prior to when counsel for the defendants appeared before me.

#### 3. Mathew West

I fully concede that I should not have allowed the motion to vacate for Mathew West. But, I would like to place that inappropriate decision in context.

Defense counsel had represented that all of the relevant parties were not objecting to the allowance of the motion-the Suffolk County District Attorney, the United States Attorney, and the Federal District Court Judge. (See Transcript attached as Exhibit 5).<sup>4</sup>

Further, I was in the midst of a of a heart attack during the hearing. Due to my impaired medical condition, I made an error in judgment allowing the motion to vacate. After my hospitalization and upon review of the transcript of the hearing, I sua sponte vacated my decision. When I reviewed the transcript, I did not recall most of the hearing but I do remember trying to ask questions so no one would see that I was ill while I tried not to pass out. I recall thinking I just need to get off the bench, and I allowed the motion in error. I do not recall even reading the submissions or which document I signed. On September 24, 2007, my judgment was impaired by my medical condition including dizziness, lightheadedness, chest pain, uncontrolled hypertension, fear, anxiety and inability to make appropriate decisions.

I understand and state emphatically that I should never have taken the bench that day. I should not have heard cases and or made rulings that day. I was driven home by a court officer and my husband took me to the emergency room at New England Medical Center as a result of my condition. A copy of the emergency room record has been provided to the commission.

A brief summary of my medical issues leading up to the day of the West case are as follows. As a result of abdominal surgery to remove a uterine mass in June, 2007, while at the hospital I began to experience tachycardia (rapid heart rate). I underwent several tests to rule out post-operative embolism and was released from the hospital. While recovering, I continued to have this heart issue which caused dizziness, lightheadedness, exhaustion and hypertension. In late August, 2007, I was taken to the hospital emergency room as a result of severe heart symptoms. I was admitted to New England Medical Center to undergo testing and for medical treatment for the tachycardia and chest pain. During the echocardio stress test, the front wall of my heart stopped. I was taken to the Operating Room for a cardiac catherization procedure. I was advised that I had a blockage in the coronary arteries. After five or six days of treatment and testing, I was released

Similar to the motions in the Estrada matters, it was error for me to hear this motion without a representative from the Suffolk County District Attorney being present, but I accepted the representations of defense counsel and the Norfolk County Assistant District Attorney who was present.

from the hospital with a cardiac treatment plan including a cardiac loop monitor which I wore everyday. I was told to send in transmissions when I experienced any heart symptoms. (See Exhibit 6).

Several days leading up to the September 24, 2007, West case, I had been suffering from chest pain but assumed it would be resolved with the new medication. When I arrived at court on September 24, 2007, I was not feeling well. I was told by Judge McGovern that I didn't look well and should go home or to the doctor. I did not want to leave my session work to another judge, and I thought the heart issues would subside with the medication. I did send a heart monitor transmission via phone and discussed the symptoms. I was told to take the medication and send another monitor transmission in twenty minutes. The first transmission was at 11:10 a.m, and the second transmission was at 11:29 a.m. when the symptoms were worsening. I was advised to call 911. I did not want to go to the nearest hospital, Quincy Medical Center, where the ambulance would be required to take me. I wanted to go to the emergency room at New England Medical Center (New Tufts Medical Center). A court officer drove me home from court, and my husband drove me to New England Medical Center emergency room. The first EKG showed elevated ST waves indicating an abnormality, possibly a blockage in the heart. Again, I was taken to the operating room for an emergency cardiac catherization where again coronary artery blockage was found. I was admitted to the hospital. The diagnosis was possible unstable angina, coronary artery disease, hypertension, gastrointestinal reflux disease and further tests were ordered. I have had further medical issues since this date including several strokes as evidenced by the June, 2009 MRI and both carotid artery and heart surgery. (See Exhibit 7).5

While my medical condition(s) (see Exhibits 8, 9, 10, 11 &12) and my acceptance of the representations of defense counsel do not excuse my legal error, I hope you will consider the context in which it was made.

#### 4. Pattern of Bias

I concede that I made legal errors in 2003 and 2005 on the alien warnings and colloquies which never adversely affected a defendant or the Commonwealth, but there have been no further complaints on either issue for over 5 ½ years. I have corrected the legal mistakes I made at that

Exhibit 7 is a letter from my primary care physician. In the letter, Dr. John M. Mazzullo states:

<sup>&</sup>quot;It is apparent that Judge Moriarty was affected by her coronary disease on the morning of September 24, 2007. She would have experienced pain, fear and anxiety as a result of her cardiac condition. Many patients demonstrate an inability to focus and an ambivalence over whether to remain in a safe environment (in this case the courthouse) or to leave and seek treatment. Cardiac patients also tend to delay treatment in the hope that the symptoms will abate. The cardiac episode of September 24<sup>th</sup> would negatively affect Diane's memory, comprehension, and decision making ability."

time.6

I conduct myself fairly and impartially to all parties. I am not prejudiced or biased against the Commonwealth. As a judge for almost twelve years, I have always attempted to balance the interests of those who appear before me. In the Fontina case, I accepted the defendant's plea and terms of disposition. In Delgado, I rejected the defendant terms of disposition. In Rodriguez, I accepted the disposition requested by the defendant and the Commonwealth. In the case of Jaime Estrada, I rejected the dispositional terms offered by the defendant. I rejected the dispositional terms offered by Gabriel Estrada. In the West case, I also rejected the dispositional terms suggested by West. I do not harbor a bias against the Commonwealth. (See affidavits of Police Prosecutors (Exhibit 13) and former Suffolk County District Attorneys (Exhibit 14)). (See also attached copies of my evaluations (Exhibits 15, 16, 17 & 18)).

#### 5. Discourteousness

The Commission asserts that I violated the Code of Judicial Conduct in the manner that I responded to the Commonwealth's request the I provide the so-called alien warnings. I understand that the Commission can inquire into the conduct of a judge which occurred more than one year prior to the date of a complaint. Yet, as to the allegation that I was discourteous, I am disadvantaged in responding to the allegation. Reproduced in the Statement of Allegation is my exchange with the prosecutor. It is a moment in time in the course of a colloquy. It is advanced that the prosecutor first objected, but the exchange is stripped of this context, and, at least in the case of Commonwealth v. Anthony Fontina, what has been reproduced suggests that the prosecutor had, at least once before, made an objection. The context of how I responded to this objection or what exchange occurred is not part of the Statement of Allegations or the exhibits. It is suggested that, in the case of Commonwealth v. Jennifer Delgado, I "(Exclaim[ed])," "Well, Make a record! I just told you I wouldn't do it. Take it up!" I do not recall the specific exchange, but it would not be my practice to vehemently tell the Commonwealth to do, or not to do, a particular act. Having said that, if any exchange between a judge and a litigator becomes heated or contentious, it is the judge's responsibility, I acknowledge, to control the particular situation and ensure that both decorum and order are maintained. Respectfully, in fairness, it has not been demonstrated that I have exhibited a pattern of discourteous treatment toward the Commonwealth, and the abstracted record should not be a basis on which to proceed with a formal allegation.

#### 6. Mass.R.Crim.P 12(c)(5)

The Commission in its Statement of Allegations alleges that I violated Cannons 1A, 2A, and 3B(2), by "fail[ing] to adhere to Rule 12C (5) of the [Massachusetts] Rules of Criminal Procedure and to established precedent when [I] granted the motions to vacate in the **Estrada** cases." Respectfully, Rule 12C(5) governs the court's obligation to determine the voluntariness of a plea and

I would suggest that those legal mistakes made many years ago are now stale, have been changed in my practice since then in literally hundreds, if not thousands, of cases, and should not now serve as evidence of bias against the Commonwealth so many years later.

the factual basis of the charge. In addition, it informs the court that at the end of the hearing, a judge must state "the court's acceptance or rejection of the plea or admission." Rule 12(c)(5)(B). The rule does not govern the context to which it is applied.

#### 7. Sanction

While assuming responsibility for the legal errors I have made, I feel that any suspension is fully disproportionate to my mistakes. I immediately changed my practice when corrected. Chief Justice Connolly has assigned me to be mentored by Justice Robert Rufo of the Superior Court, and I have learned from his advice and suggestions. (See letter from Justice Robert Rufo (Exhibit 19)). Since 2006, I have attended 25.5 days of judicial training/education. I also believe that my many years of hard work and dedication to the work of the judicial system far outweigh any of the legal errors which I made. (See affidavit of First Justice Mark Coven (Exhibit 20) and Exhibits 21-25).

I fully accept responsibility for my legal mistakes; I have adjusted my practice; but, I do not believe a suspension is warranted.

Sincerely,

Mullian Municipal Hon. Diane E. Moriarty

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# EXHIBIT 3

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June 25, 2010

Commission on Judicial Conduct Hon. Stephen E. Neel, Chairman 11 Beacon Street, Suite 525 Boston, MA 02108

RE: Hon. Diane Moriarty

Dear Judge Neel,

I am writing on behalf of Judge Diane Moriarty.

I was a District Court Judge from January 22, 1991 to May 31, 2007. During that time I had many discussions with Judge Moriarty as well as other judges regarding the substance of the plea colloquy. We were of the belief that it was not necessary to provide the alien warnings to defendants who were American citizens. While I presided in the Lawrence, Lowell, Chelsea and 23 other District Courts. It was the practice of many of the Judges there to not provide the alien warnings to those defendants who's records indicated that they were born in the United States.

The Commonwealth ultimately took the matter up to the Supreme Judicial Court on a c.211, s.3 petition. This petition was reviewed by an assistant Attorney General who informed me that the alien warning needed to be given to all defendants. I subsequently scheduled a hearing and gave the warning to the defendants as the Commonwealth had requested.

I am familiar with the assistant District Attorney who is involved in the complaint against Judge Moriarty. I had him appear in front of me on several occasions in the Chelsea District Court. He was frequently discourteous in that he would interrupt the Court and would not listen to the Court's rulings. He seemed to believe that he was in charge and the Court's opinions and rulings were irrelevant to the way cases were conducted. I found him to be disruptive to the operation of the Court and to have an attitude of total disrespect for the Court, and unprofessional to the extreme.

Judge Moriarty and I, as well as other Judges, conferred on many occasions regarding rulings on various motions as well as general discussions of the law. These discussions would take place during both regular court hours as well as before and after regular court hours. It was not unusual for Judges to consult with each other when there was a question about our rulings on

individual cases. We would not necessarily couch these discussion in terms of a specific case but would often have discussions about a legal question without reference to a specific case. In this vein I recall discussions about allowing motions to vacate pleas because of inadequate colloquy was insufficient.

As a judge I cannot say that I never gave an inadequate colloquy. It is an unfortunate fact that in the daily crush of business a colloquy is occasionally insufficient. It is obvious from cases recently coming down from the Supreme Judicial court that the question of plea colloquies is still unsettled.

The certification to be signed by each Judge at the time of the plea is signed as a matter of course and it is my opinion that those that are signed after an insufficient colloquy are not signed in an attempt to circumvent the law or mislead an appeals Court but are signed in error.

Very truly yours,

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Hon. Allen Javasitis

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# EXHIBIT 4

# Honorable Paul V. Buckley, Retired 5 Landseer Terrace West Roxbury, MA 02132

June 22, 2010

Gillian E. Pearson, Executive Director Commission on Judicial Conduct 11 Beacon Street, Suite 525 Boston, MA 02108

RE: Honorable Diane E. Moriarty

Dear Ms. Pearson,

Please accept this unsolicited letter on behalf of Judge Diane E. Moriarty. It has recently come to my attention that Judge Moriarty is being complained of bias against the Commonwealth in certain criminal cases while sitting in Chelsea District Court.

Apparently, Judge Moriarty did not recite the full language on the "green sheet", regarding alien warnings to obvious citizens. Prior to the SJC clarification I also did not recite the alien warnings to obvious citizens when accepting the defendants' pleas or admissions.

I have particular memory of sitting in Chelsea District Court and being verbally admonished by an assistant district attorney for not reading the "alien warnings". Thereafter, the few times I did sit in Chelsea District Court it was uncomfortable to sit on any case prosecuted by that assistant district attorney.

Before it became clear that all defendants, citizens and non-citizens, had to be read the warnings I believe other judges, likewise, did not recite the full "alien warnings" to obvious citizen defendants. I hope that this charge, if substantiated, does not negatively affect Judge Moriarty's judicial appointment.

Very truly yours,

Honorable Paul V. Buckley, Retired

## EXHIBIT 5

#### Transcript

# Commonwealth v. Matthew West, No. 0102CR2402 Quincy District Court, Courtroom A Monday, September 24, 2007 Justice Diane Moriarty

[9:33 a.m.]

COURT:

Yes?

COURT OFFICER: He wants to speak to you on a case, did you want to confirm it now before?

COURT:

On a?

COURT OFFICER: It's got nothing to do with a jury trial-matter.

COURT:

On a case with the D.A. that's pending?

DEFENSE:

It's, actually it's an old case from Roxbury, Judge, and I apologize for bringing it here today, but it is a matter of a little bit of urgency, if you have a minute for me. This is a case from 2001 in Roxbury District Court that you presided over.

COURT:

You're not going to expect me to remember this, correct?

DEFENSE:

I know that you won't, Judge.

COURT:

Thank you.

DEFENSE:

You may, I tried to get to you last week and I understand that you were in training. And I appeared before Judge Wright in the Roxbury District Court on it-

COURT:

Yeah.

DEFENSE:

And he was inclined to act on the motion but he instructed me to speak with you.

The papers are in Roxbury, but in sum, Judge, here's what the situation is.

COURT:

I told him if he didn't plead guilty, he'd go to jail?

**DEFENSE:** 

No, the attorney, according to him-

COURT:

Good. Okay.

**DEFENSE:** 

Here's what the situation is with respect to Mr. West, Judge. He is scheduled for sentencing today in the federal court in front of Judge Young. He was convicted several months ago after jury trial in the Federal District Court of possession with

intent to distribute a small amount of cocaine. His case is an offshoot of the Boston Police corruption case involving Roberto Polito. Mr. West was alleged to have hosted the unlicensed stripper parties, and the federal government believed that he maintained the guest list. They then selected him — well, my argument is they selected him for prosecution, a government witness solicited purchase of cocaine from him. He on two occasions sold a total of 750 dollars of cocaine to the government witness. They concluded the investigation with the Boston Police, and then came to see West. He admitted his involvement, but refused to cooperate. They subsequently indicted him and detained him, and he went to trial on that basis. Because of this plea in the Roxbury District Court, which was an assault and battery, he is subject to a career offender-

COURT:

Who's the lawyer? Do you remember?

**DEFENSE:** 

The papers are there, I looked at it, I'm not sure who the lawyer was, Judge. It was bar counsel I think. But because of this conviction in the Roxbury District Court, his sentence guidelines go from 15 to 21 months to 262 months. Judge, you're-

COURT:

This isn't - was not his only felony charge, right? He's had previous-

**DEFENSE:** 

When he was 22 years old, he served time in Virginia for distribution of cocaine. This happened when he was about 35 or so-

COURT:

Okay.

DEFENSE:

-this assault and battery. He was trouble free, Judge, since his release from incarceration in Virginia.

COURT:

And how long did he do in Virginia?

DEFENSE:

He got — he got a pretty heavy sentence. He sold, you know, four grams of cocaine to an undercover. He got ten years, was told he'd be paroled in eight months, but he did four years. When he got out, he then got a job at UNICCO Service Company. He bought a home in Saugus. He's engaged to be married to Tatiana Hall. He's got a ten-year-old daughter and a one-year-old son that was born just after he was arrested on this. He—this case speaks to what's wrong with the federal sentencing guidelines, Judge, and I think Judge Young recognizes that. Judge Young ruled in a case that was decided in the First Circuit in 2006, U.S. v. Teague, that he concluded that even though a person was a career offender, that he should be sentenced according to the post-Booker statutory guidelines, and not be subject to what he called an excessive penalty. And I think this is a similar case. And what I'm just trying to do is give Judge Young something to hang his hat on so he can sentence the defendant appropriately with the guideline provisions that apply to him. Essentially what happens is, because of this conviction, the government-

COURT:

I know.

DEFENSE:

Yeah.

COURT:

I know.

DEFENSE:

I didn't know-

COURT:

But I didn't - I don't, did you get a copy of the colloquy?

DEFENSE:

There's no audiotape of the colloquy.

COURT:

Timmy Flaherty says I didn't do it right.

DEFENSE:

Well-

COURT:

I'm not sure about that. I always made sure that I did it.

DEFENSE:

The one unusual thing on the docket, Judge, is that-

COURT:

Is there a green sheet?

DEFENSE:

There's a green sheet.

COURT:

Yeah.

DEFENSE:

But on the docket it says, "Colloquy given in court to defendant," and I don't usually see that in dockets. Which -- and I don't know the reason for it. It was.

just unusual to me. So I don't-

COURT:

Was that -- that might have been the new clerk.

DEFENSE:

Yeah, it could have been.

COURT:

Do you know who the new clerk -- we had a ton of new clerks come in in

Roxbury at the time, so I don't know-

**DEFENSE:** 

Essentially, Judge, the only basis-

COURT:

-but the green sheet has my signature on it, right?

DEFENSE:

I'm sure it does, yeah.

COURT:

Mmmhmm.

DEFENSE: The only basis for the defendant moving to vacate the conviction is that he wasn't

advised of the possible sentencing enhancement potential were he to plea to the

assault and battery as a crime of violence. And essentially the facts are-

COURT: I mean, I don't have to give him that for something that might occur in the future.

I only have to give him what he can do for state time, right?

DEFENSE: You might be right, Judge, you may be right, but-

COURT: Well, but the reason I'm asking you these questions is I just got turned over on

doing this. They said I didn't make — I did the appropriate colloquy. I didn't have to ask them if they've had any drugs or alcohol. I didn't have to tell them that they might in the future have a problem with federal guideline sentencing.

DEFENSE: Mmmhmm.

COURT: Because I just allowed a motion to withdraw a plea in Chelsea based on similar -

he also had I.N.S. problems, and the Appeals Court two months ago told me that I

didn't have to do any of those things. That's what my problem is.

DEFENSE: Well in the interest of justice, Judge, I think you have discretion to vacate, and I

would only suggest that the fact-

COURT: Except now you want to, hmm. What is the D.A. -- Did you file with the D.A.?

DEFENSE: I did, yeah, Jonathan Tynes, the supervising D.A. over there-

COURT: What did he say?

DEFENSE: He says-

COURT: He didn't file an opposition, because, I tell you, they took me up in Chelsea.

DEFENSE: Yeah, he tells me that, for the record, what he would do is he would just object for

the record, but he would not make a strenuous argument, and that's what his

position was in front of Judge Wright. I think-

COURT: I wish I had evidence of that.

DEFENSE: Types and I have discussed this.

COURT: Yeah, I know.

DEFENSE: I can give you the sentencing guide - the pre-sentence report on Matt West. I

have a copy of it with me where they go through the whole thing.

COURT:

Yeah, let me take a look at it. I don't like to do this. I'm looking at this, this was

an easy sentence for me. 90 days suspended.

**DEFENSE:** 

I know, Judge.

COURT:

Six months probation.

DEFENSE:

He completed - he got anger management, completed -- I mean, you understand

what they're doing with this kid.

COURT:

I do. What information were they looking for that he wouldn't give them?

DEFENSE:

Who the other cops were at the parties.

COURT:

The other cops? They're going to find that out anyways.

DEFENSE:

They've got it all audio and videotaped. What they did was, they came to him

and they said, "Look. You're going to do 25 years-

COURT:

Why didn't he just give it to them?

**DEFENSE:** 

He's not that type of guy, Judge. He wouldn't tell them -- essentially-

COURT:

Someone was going to give it to them.

**DEFENSE:** 

What happened -- and the facts were produced at trial. What happened essentially is that the government witnesses solicited him on a couple of occasions. We

didn't interpose an entrapment defense at trial because it wouldn't fly with his

record.

COURT:

Yeah. Yeah.

DEFENSE:

But essentially he asked him, can you get us some party favors? And he said, with the girls? I don't do that, that's up to you. And then the informant touched his nose, and my client responded on the audiotape, you mean powders? Well, I can't do that, but I can network it for you. So essentially, the evidence against him is, he received some cocaine from an unidentified person and refused to give the source to the government. He handed it over to the informant, and transferred the money back to the source. And for that he's facing, you know, essentially 22 years. And that's -- you know, they were looking for him -- my first conversation

with the AUSA was, they would recommend-

COURT:

Was this straight assault and battery on mine?

DEFENSE:

He was -- there was assault and battery, maybe disorderly-

COURT: It's assault and battery, malicious destruction of property over.

DEFENSE: Yeah.

COURT: So it's the malicious destruction of property over that's the problem for you?

DEFENSE: No, I think it's the assault and battery, Judge. A crime of violence-

COURT: Even though it's a misdemeanor?

CLERK: I was just going to say, it's a misdemeanor.

COURT: It's a misdemeanor, right?

DEFENSE: I think it's-

COURT: It's not the-

DEFENSE: It qualifies as a crime of violence. I mean I would ask you to vacate-

COURT: Is that what the issue is? You think-

DEFENSE: I believe it's-

COURT: Because, see, I thought it was all felony stuff that triggered the sentencing.

DEFENSE: The way the career offender enhancement section reads, it's two prior felony convictions-

COURT: Right.

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DEFENSE: Either one for drugs and one for violence, or two of each, and this assault and

battery, I believe, qualifies as a predicate offense for a crime of violence, even

though-

COURT: It's not a felony.

DEFENSE: Yeah.

COURT: Because it's not a felony.

DEFENSE: Not in Massachusetts it's not a felony, but I think it's regarded for purposes of

career offender enhancements as a felony conviction, or crime of violence that satisfies the predicate. The facts of this case, the assault and battery conviction,

were that he and his fiancée were parking a car in Roxbury, and-

COURT:

It was a domestic case.

DEFENSE:

Well, essentially what happened was, they bumped a - the pre-sentence makes it look like domestic but it wasn't. They bumped a bumper of a car in front of them, and the guy in that car came out and came after the fiancée. West intervened. A neighbor called the police to defend West, because there was a social club across the street. A bunch of guys piled out, and when the cops arrived there was more yelling and shouting. West got locked up. Titiana was pushing a cop. And, you

know, it was one of those things.

COURT:

Well, I'm just looking - he's the got the juvenile stuff, he was convicted, but he's

got an ABPO in Cambridge.

DEFENSE:

But it's beyond the -- it's beyond the applicable time provisions because it's -- the career offenders go back only ten years for the enhancements. So the ones that count are the most recent: Virginia and Suffolk.

COURT:

This '92 one?

**DEFENSE:** 

According to-

COURT:

Ten years?

**DEFENSE:** 

But he was released-

COURT:

Yeah, I see that.

DEFENSE:

You see where he was released in 1996. So it's just within the ten-year time

period.

[extended period of silence]

COURT:

They didn't charge him with ABPO. Right?

DEFENSE:

Yeah they didn't, and it was-

COURT:

Which is really what it sounds like it was.

DEFENSE:

Right. And I think -- I'm not sure if they were originally charged that way and then they reduced it, but that recitation of facts doesn't read the same way the police report does. The police report is, oddly enough, not as bad against the defendant as the recitation by the probation officer is. The police report, you know, says that he was flailing about, and then it's almost an admission of excessive force because they did kind of bundle him and mace him repeatedly, and then when he was in the cell area he refused medical treatment but he was obviously in agony, and that's when he wasCOURT:

So if this is reduced, what does he get? Do you know?

**DEFENSE:** 

Yeah, he does 15 to 21 months. The - let me get the sentencing memorandum.

COURT:

15 to 21 months?

**DEFENSE:** 

The guidelines call, well, I mean it's discretionary-

COURT:

I know. Who's the sentencing judge?

DEFENSE:

Young.

COURT:

Well, Young won't give him the lower end.

DEFENSE:

Well, he'll give him something less than 262 to 327. Young tried the case-

COURT:

Right. So he knows. And what's the government asking for?

DEFENSE:

Well, they're looking for the current enhancement of 262 to 327. And frankly,

Judge, in my conversation with-

COURT:

Do you have, it that what they asked for?

DEFENSE:

That's what they're going to ask for today. The AUSA keeps calling me saying have you been able to — he said, I know you're not going to vacate Virginia, but have you done anything in Mass., and I said, well, we're still working on it. I think he frankly, Judge, is uneasy with this. I think everyone's uneasy with it.

COURT:

Well, when this goes up they're going to overturn me, you understand that?

**DEFENSE:** 

I don't think they're going to appeal it.

COURT:

It was the same office.

**DEFENSE:** 

Not the same D.A.

COURT:

I hope you're right about that.

**DEFENSE:** 

I think I am.

COURT:

Because now they're going to try it all over again. That's not going to make them

happy. Right?

DEFENSE:

He'll plea, right after he's sentenced.

COURT:

He will?

DEFENSE: He'll plea to committed time on advice and instruction of counsel.

COURT: Okay. [writing] Tell him it was an early Christmas present.

DEFENSE: You are a just and wise woman.

COURT: [laughs]

DEFENSE: [laughs]. Thank you.

COURT: You're welcome.

DEFENSE: Matt West thanks you.

[9:51 a.m.]

## EXHIBIT 6

# EXHIBIT 7

The Honorable Stephen E. Neel Judicial Conduct Commission 11 Beacon Street, Suite 525 Boston, MA 02108

Re: Judge Diane Moriarty

#### Dear Commission:

I am writing this letter for submission on behalf of my patient, Diane E. Moriarty. Diane has been my patient for over forty years. I first came to know Diane when she began working at the radiology department at New England Medical Center in the early 1970s. I have been employed in the internal medicine department at Tufts Medical Center, formerly known as New England Medical Center since 1970. The purpose of my letter is give the Commission a general background of Judge Moriarty's medical history, as well as my impressions of her medical condition as it related to the events of September 24, 2007.

I have treated as well as coordinated the treatment for a number of illnesses and medical conditions for Diane Moriarty. More notably, I assisted in the treatment of a severe asthma condition in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and I followed the treatment of multiple orthopedic procedures (arthroscopy, bone grafts, knee replacement) relating to Diane's knees. In 2007, Diane was treated at New England Medical Center for [ REDACTED

]. Following surgery she developed tachycardia which required testing to rule out an embolism.

After Diane's surgery in 2007 I followed her care for symptoms relating to tachycardia. Her symptoms included shortness of breath, chest pain, syncope and dizziness. In August of 2007 her symptoms increased in frequency and intensity so Diane was treated in the emergency room at NEMC. During an inpatient admission, extensive medical testing revealed coronary artery disease, tachycardia, hypertension and angina.

Diane was discharged from the hospital in August, 2007 and her treatment plan included medication and a cardiac loop monitor. She returned to the Quincy District Court on a full-time basis while wearing her cardiac monitor. Diane routinely relayed transmissions from the monitor to the cardio-electrophysiology department at Tufts Medical Center, as a result of her cardiac symptoms.

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Re: Diane E. Moriarty

On the morning of September 24, 2007 Diane reported that she was experiencing chest pain, light headedness, and dizziness. She relayed her monitor transmissions to the cardio-electrophysicology lab and she was advised to go to the emergency room at Tufts Medical Center.

According to her medical records, Diane arrived at the ER of Tufts Medical early in the afternoon of September 24, 2007. She was immediately seen by physicians and staff and an EKG revealed elevated S-T waves indicating a myocardial infarction. Diane was medicated and transported to the operating room for an emergency cardiac catheterization. Test results supported Diane's complaints and indicated that there was a blockage of her coronary arteries that contributed to her chest pain, light headedness, angina, and high blood pressure. As a result of this hospital admission Diane Moriarty was diagnosed with micro-vessel heart disease. This disease is characterized by constriction of the blood vessels surrounding the heart causing a decrease in the amount of oxygen through the blood vessels.

It is apparent that Judge Moriarty was affected by her coronary disease on the morning of September 24, 2007. She would have experienced pain, fear and anxiety as a result of her cardiac condition. Many patients demonstrate an inability to focus and an ambivalence over whether to remain in a safe environment (in this case the courthouse) or leave and seek treatment. Cardiac patients also tend to delay treatment in the hope that the symptoms will abate. The cardiac episode of September 24<sup>th</sup> would negatively affect Diane's memory, comprehension, and decision making ability.

Since Diane's hospitalization in September, 2007 she has had multiple minor strokes and one major stroke resulting in another hospital admission in June of 2009. During this admission she was diagnosed with carotid artery blockage (95% blockage) as well as a foramen ovale (hole in her heart). She was operated at Tufts Medical Center for carotid artery surgery and she was operated on a second time at the Brigham and Woman's Hospital in May of 2010 for the closure of a patent foramen ovale. In my opinion, which is supported by physician reports and clinical data, these conditions were present in full or in large part as of September 24, 2007 contributing to Diane's cardiac illness and the events of September 24, 2007.

ohn M. Mazzullo, MD

Sincerely yours, may log,

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We, the police prosecutors at the Quincy District Court, are writing this affidavit to submit for the record of proceedings pending regarding Judge Diane E. Moriarty. We, personally, work with Judge Moriarty on an almost daily basis and it is our police officers who appear before her as witnesses in the trials that she conducts.

We speak unanimously in stating that Judge Moriarty treats everyone fairly and is respectful to the prosecutors, defense lawyers and the witnesses who appear before her. She is extremely hard working and diligent in all of the proceedings before the court. Never have we witnessed a pattern of conduct which would demonstrate a bias against the prosecution or a lack of impartiality. She may rule against the Commonwealth or uphold the Commonwealth's position, but her decisions are always based on the evidence and the law.

We would be available to provide any further information that you might require.

Signed this 17th day of June, 2010.

Sgt. Richard Potter

Quincy Police Prosecutor

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Lt. Gary Fredericks

**MBTA Police** 

# EXHIBIT 14

#### **AFFFIDAVIT**

I state the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- 1. My name is Nitin Dalal and I am licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 2. I was employed by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and appeared in front of Judge Diane Moriarty in my capacity as an assistant District Attorney on many occasions.
- 3. I considered Judge Moriarty to be fair in dealing with both the defense and the prosecution.
- 4. I always felt that Judge Moriarty gave both sides adequate time to make any record that was necessary.
- 5. In my opinion Judge Moriarty treated each party with courtesy.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Matri Dafal
Nitin Dalal

6-22-2010

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

I state the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- 1. My name is Thomas A. Caldwell and I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 2. I appeared in front of Judge Diane Moriarty on many occasions in my role as an assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County.
- 3. I observed her for many hours as I was present in the courtroom awaiting my cases.
- 4. In my opinion Judge Moriarty was fair and impartial. I did not observe her to favor either the prosecution or the defense.
- 5. Judge Moriarty allowed each side to make the necessary record regarding her rulings.
- 6. Judge Moriarty treated both sides on each case with courtesy and respect and demanded the same from the parties.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury this 27th day of June, 2010.

homas A. Caldwell

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I state the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- 1. My name is Vy Truong and I am licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
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- 4. I always felt that Judge Moriarty gave both sides adequate time to make any record that was necessary.
- 5. In my opinion Judge Moriarty treated each party with courtesy.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Vy Truong

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I, Mark S. Coven, have been the Presiding Judge of the Quincy District Court since October, 2000. Judge Diane Moriarty has reported directly to me for nearly the last decade.

The Quincy District Court is one of the busiest District Courts in the Commonwealth, in both the criminal and civil areas. In fiscal year 2009, there were 7897 new criminal files in this court.

Judge Moriarty is primarily responsible for the criminal jury session at our court. In the last year, there were over 2300 criminal cases scheduled for jury trial.

It is only through Judge Moriarty's commitment and dedication to the Court and extraordinary hard work that allows us to resolve the criminal work that confronts us on a daily basis. Her work is evidenced in our latest annual metrics report which shows that our 2009 criminal clearance rate is 99.7%. Further, 93.9% of the criminal cases were pending within time standards.

Not only is Judge Moriarty a tireless worker, but she treats all parties fairly and impartially. She conducts her jury trials without any bias or favoritism towards any of the parties. Despite the pressure of the volume of cases that she must handle each and every day, Judge Moriarty always maintains her composure and patience. I have received no complaints either from prosecutors or defense lawyers that they have been treated anything but fairly.

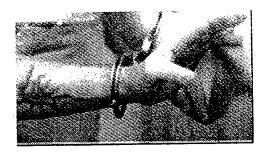
These practices were substantiated by the local lawyers practicing before the court when Judge Moriarty was chosen to receive the Daniel A. Malaney Award from the Quincy Bar Association in 2006 for outstanding legal service.

As well as her daily responsibility for conducting criminal proceedings at the court, Judge Moriarty created and has operated the Quincy Drug Court for the last nine years. This drug court has provided supervision to some of the most serious drug and alcohol dependant probationers in this court. It is only through her work that hundreds of substance abusers have regained their sobriety and not reoffended. At our last drug court graduation, one young woman who now has a seven month old child admitted that she probable would have died from a heroin overdose but for the work and compassion of Judge Diane Moriarty.

Judge Diane Moriarty plays a vital role at the Quincy District Court. We could not possibly be as successful in serving the seven communities within our jurisdiction but for her work. She is a critical component of whatever successes we may have.

Signed this 24 day of June, 2010

# EXHIBIT 21



# DRUG PROGRAM TOUGH, CARING

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**OUINCY** slender young man named Tommy is standing in the dock in Quincy District

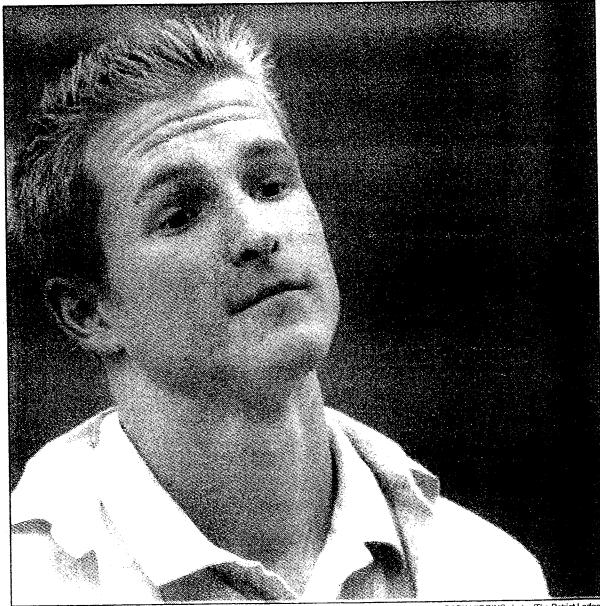
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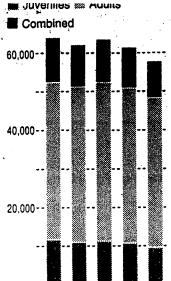
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James Moffett, 23, of Weymouth says he started using drugs at age 8. He is in the first phase of the Quincy Drug Court program and must attend court weekly.



SOURCE: Massachusetts Office of the Commissioner of Probation

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their weekly review of clients. Instead, the judge will add new conditions to his probation: 40 hours of community service, to be performed at his treatment facility.

"He didn't use and he didn't run," Moriarty explained. "With some situations, you have to be individual how you handle it."

#### "A real awakening"

Feetham is among the first to go in front of the judge's bench that afternoon, and his review is brief and complimentary. In the course of an hour, Moriarty orders that a young woman who's been bounced from treatment be picked up on a warrant, and sends an restraining order.

"Haven't you learned one thing?" she asks him.

When Moffett takes his turn, Moriarty talks to him about the community service, and suggests she might send him a set of toothbrushes for bathroom cleaning duty.

"We don't want you to wind up back there," she says, waving a finger toward the courthouse lockup.

"That's not going to happen," Moffett assures her.

The day ends with a success story: To the applause of other clients, Moriarty recognizes Jane, a Randolph resident who has finished all four phases.

Unlike most clients, the 44year-old former school security guard got addicted to Percocet and other painkillers when she was recovering from leg surgery.

"I liked the high," she said.

Jane, who asked that her last name not be used, tried detox several times and spent two short spells in the state women's prison in Framingham before she stuck with a second round in Quincy Drug Court.

"Jail was a real awakening," she said as she watched other clients filter out of the courtroom. "I had thought this would never happen to me, but it can happen to anybody. It was degrading. And I put my family through hell."

Like most clients, she initially bridled at the demands that Moriarty and Rothman put on

her. ("I didn't like them, and I told them I didn't," she said.) Now she works for a South Shore restaurant, has regained visiting rights with her children, and she speaks of the judge and probation officer with appreciation.

"Judge Moriarty will put you in jail in a second, but she does it because she cares," Jane said. "She saved my life."

When Moriarty is later told of that comment, she nods with satisfaction.

"If you save one person a year, you're saving somebody,"

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#### Phase i

- Inpatient treatment, helfway house
- Drug testing, three times a week
- 12-step program, three times a week
- Drug abuse counseling
- Job training
- Report weekly

#### Phase II

- Finish inpatient; to sober housing
- Drug testing, counseling, 12-step
- Report every two weeks

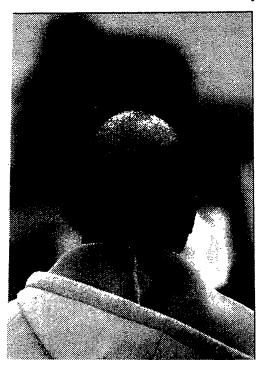
#### Phase III

- Into supportive housing
- Testing, counseling, 12step.
- Report every three weeks
- Relapse prevention program
- Work, education, training
- Prepare post-Drug Gourt support plan

#### Phase IV

- Report monthly
- Maintain Drug Court practices
- Hair, other drug tests taken without advance notice

Source: Quincy District Court



# Drug court tough

**DRUGS** 

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operated since 2001 under Moriarty's direction, with little expublic attention.

One of 23 such programs in Massachusetts and the only one in Plymouth or Norfolk County, Quincy Drug Court has supervised hundreds of addicts and offenders who would otherwise have gone to the county jail for convictions ranging from heroin possession to theft, forgery and assault. (Drug dealers can't be in the program.)

Highly regarded by offenders and law enforcement officials, drug court is still misunderstood by citizens and taxpayers, according to Moriarty and the probation officers who work with her.

First, they say, drug court doesn't hold separate hearings for drug dealing and possession charges. Nor is the 18-month round of residential treatment, 12-step meetings, drug testing and counseling a "get out of jail pass," as Moriarty puts it – an



Rob Feetham, 33, of Quincy, calls Judge Diane Moriarty "a hard Judge, but a good Judge."

easy way for those on probation to avoid hard time.

Far from it, as anyone in the

program will tell you.

"It's tough," Rob Feetham, 33, of Quincy said. "They keep tight reins on you."

Probation officer Jo Rothman said such discipline is essential to help clients – the court's term – stay clean.

"People in drug court are the survivors," she said. "They're not dead and they're not in prison. A lot of them don't know how to live straight... and they're always looking for the angle. So we have to help them unlearn all that."

To that end, Feetham and 55 other men and women in the program must complete four phases of treatment and supervision. They must also seek work, job training or schooling, and promise to stay away from all their old friends and haunts, where their problems often started.

Clients are also expected to join community activities to help them break what Rothman calls the "take, take" attitude that addiction creates. Their last outing was Thanksgiving Day, when clients and staff served turkey dinners at the Long Island homeless shelter.

At a district court with more than 2,500 regular probation cases, "we only see people when they foul up," said Moriarty, a former criminal defense attorney. "Here (in Quincy Drug Court), we can help them faster because we see them so often. We know where they are."

#### "A hard judge"

Norfolk County District
Attorney William Keating is an
enthusiastic advocate of that
approach and the national drug
court system, which was
launched and partly funded by a
1994 federal crime law bill.
There now are 2,200 drug courts
in all 50 states and on numerous
Native American reservations.
Massachusetts has 680 drug
court clients.

"I don't know who could argue with it," Keating said. "It's good for the victims of these crimes, it's good for the offenders, it's good for the taxpayers."

He said drug courts often help end the "one-man crime waves" that addicts commit to pay for their habits.



Judge Diane Moriarty congratulates a narticipant ..... Las tall

GARY HIGGINS photos/The Patriot Ledger

Rothman said the long-te success rate is hard to calcusince most graduates don't in touch. Besides, she said, our people, success is one c a time."

Clients have to volunteer they can't do so until they's violated probation at least c After months or even years jail, Feetham and others do complain a bit about the ste line Moriarty takes with the

"She's a hard judge, but a good judge," Feetham said. you want to stay clean, she'l give you a break."

This is Feetham's second in Quincy Drug Court after years in and out of jail, bein probation, driving drunk and addicted to heroin.

He enrolled in March of t year, but started using again was sent back to the Norfoll County House of Correction when he failed a drug test.

"I didn't want this to go on I was 50," he said, so he jum at another chance. Back in the program for two months, he' a Dorchester residential facil and working as a carpenter.

James Moffett of Weymou has been in Quincy Drug Co for 10 months. Now 23, he's been a drug user since he wa grade school. He had been of juvenile and adult probation faced a 2½-year sentence for heroin possession when he signed up.

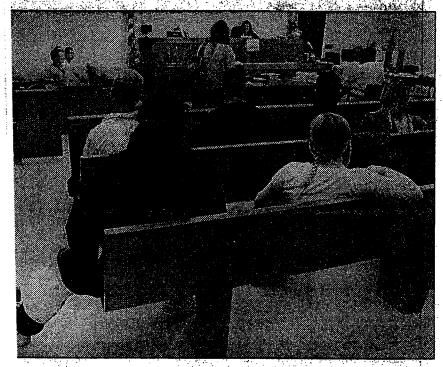
"I was headed nowhere fas he said. "I needed to straighten out my life."

Like Feetham, he praises Moriarty. "She doesn't want you to die," he said. But he's nervous about the day's session.

A couple of weeks earlier, he'd driven a borrowed car to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting – without a license – and was hit by another driver on the way. He's still in residential treatment, but he's not not sure whether Moriarty will send him back to jail.

Unknown to Moffett, Moriarty and Rothman had decided not 622

# but caring



walt for their turn to face Judge Diane Moriarty and answer questions in Court. The special weekly court has operated since 2001.

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#### These grads from school of hard knocks

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The Patriot Ledger

QUINCY - The graduates were not wearing caps and gowns in Quincy District Court's First Session chamber, and they had no commencement music. There were plenty of dignitaries, though - and not just one valedictorian, but six.

One by one, the men and women stepped to the microphone, certificates in hand, to tell those who packed the courtroom yesterday how the Drug Court probation program had helped them stay clean and sober, how they had repaired broken family ties and now looked forward to the next day.

"I thank you guys for a new life," graduate Scott O'Hara said, as much to the other Drug Court clients as to the judges, probation staff and elected officials in attendance.

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This was the third annual ceremony that District Court Judge Diane Moriarty and the Drug Court's probation officers have held since Moriarty and the Quincy court started the program in 2001.

There were eight graduates, but two were away for their children's commencements and couldn't attend.

One of 23 such drug courts in the state and the only one in Norfolk or Plymouth county, the program is a tough, 18-month round of residential treatment, 12-step meetings, drug testing and counseling.

Participants also must seek work, job training or schooling, and promise to stay away from all their old friends and haunts, where their drug problems often started.

It's all aimed at keeping probation clients like O'Hara out of jail and on the road back to health and law-abiding, productive work.

Quincy's Drug Court currently has 58 clients in various stages of the four-phase program. There are more than 2,500 probation cases in the entire Quincy court.

O'Hara and his fellow graduates got congratulations from Norfolk County District Attorney William Keating and Norfolk County Sheriff Michael Bellotti, among others. But the graduates held center stage.

Charlene Daly of Weymouth and Stephen Cohen of Quincy talked about how hard it was in the beginning to stick to the Drug Court's exacting rules. But in the end, Cohen said, "it was one of the best things I've ever done in my life."

Cohen had struggled with alcoholism since he was 15. He now works in Boston at a halfway house for recovering addicts and alcoholics, and hopes to become a drug counselor.

"There is a way out," he said.

Former Drug Court client Ellen Gaumont of Randolph has moved on with her life, too. She completed the program two years ago, as one of the first group of graduates, and now drives a delivery truck for a South Shore bakery company.

Yesterday she returned to speak to the new graduates, with words of caution to "be vigilant toward your disease" while encouraging them to be willing to help other addicts.

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# EXHIBIT 23

# ALTERNATIVE TO JAIL

# New Treatom: 21 graduate from drug cour

# By JESSICA TORREZ-RILEY

The Patriot Ledger

addiction, 21 Quincy Drug Court participants celebrated at the fourth annual Drug Court QUINCY - After 18 months battling drug Commencement

Rothman, parole officer and yesterday's master of ceremonies, said. "Drug court does not end with "The disease of addiction is never ending" locommencement ... (Our graduates) commence another point of their lives.

for drug offenders. The Quincy program consists of residential treatment, 12-step meetings, drug of residential treatment. The probation program is an alternative to Jail Chief Justice of Massachusetts Trial Courts testing and counseling.

Robert Mulligan, Mayor William Phelan and

Norfolk County Sheriff Michael Bellotti.

prosecute you," joked District Court Judge Mark officers ... all here to commend you and not to congratulated the graduates and applauded their have the mayor, sheriff, district attorney, parole "Who could have imagined (that you would) commitment to fighting addiction.

S. Coven, who had sent many of the graduates to determination and perseverance of the graduates and that he hoped to learn about the program for Muligan said he was impressed by the the Drug Court program.

Quincy in March 2001. Since then it has served as ne first drug court session was established un an alternative to prison for many substance the superior courts.

when he entered the program in 2003. After being yesterday, said many. People in the program ask to Michael Dunford said that was what he thought creative," said Justice Robert Ziemian, a pioneer in establishing. Massachusette drug courts. We are a pour where we just can't keep building jails; we have to do something more Ziemian, who gave the keynote address go to jail because it's "easier."

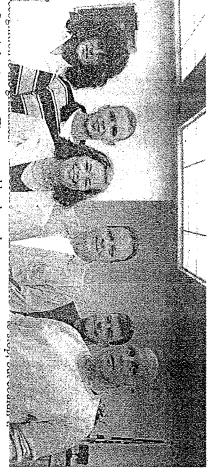
on and off probation for its years, entering drug The court's presiding justice, Diane Moriarry presented each graduate with a certificate and court was the "best thing I'd ever did," he said gave a brief description of their time in the

All the graduates thanked their counselors and Matthew Bragel, who finished the program in While many of the graduates had "slipped up" free, like Thomas Damon, who since ending the in the beginning, some went completed it slipprogram in October has a new daughter and is lanuary, thanked the court "for giving me a the drug court staff for sticking with them. ghting for custody of his 4-year-old son.

"Since I've been a teenager my life has been a program in October Sinced we been in drug mess," said Daryl Noirem, who finished the chance when I never gave myself one." court my life has been working! The graduates:

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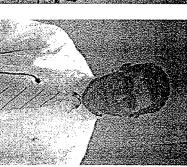
Special Agent Tina Murphy, demand reduction coordinator, DEA, was keynote speaker.

Guest speakers included:

used by dependents.
"It used to be alco

"It used to be alcoholics, today it's mostly drugs. Drugs are their number one choice. It's cheaper," she

Of the graduates, "the ones that have a slip get right back into the program, call their sponsor, or go to an AA meeting. The program gives







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## EXHIBIT 25



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# From Quincy District Court Program 24 Candidates Harn Diplomas

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Twenty-four graduates By MIRIAM JOSEPH

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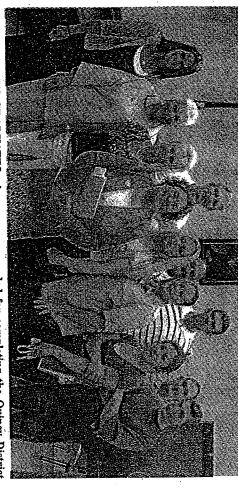
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By MIRIAM JOSEPH
Twenty-four graduates

Twenty-four graduates f the Drug Court program ere applauded last Thursay at Quincy District Court y family, friends, program irectors and public officials or completing the court's atensive program to comat substance abuse.

As the graduates rose o accept their certificates, hey spoke a few words of gratitude for what the Drug Court had done to change heir lives around, and how he program had sometimes yotten them off the streets or cept them out of jail.

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SOME OF THE GRADUATES who were commended for completing the Quincy District Court's intensive program to combat substance abuse. From left are: Renee Haley, Probation Officer Jo Rothman, Susan Kelly, Robert Gruszka, Associate Justice Diane E. Moriarty, the presiding justice of Quincy Drug Court; Joan McAuliffe, Paul Pike, Colleen Libby, Kevin Nee, Jaqueline McDonald, Michael Powers and William Wells.

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Noble

# 24 Graduate Quincy District Court Program

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Established in 2001, Quincy's Drug Court initially requires probationers to periodically appear for

you are faithful, you will be successful."

2008 graduate Mary Ann Burke addressed the graduates: "My life began the



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ASSOCIATE JUSTICE Diane E. Moriarty (left) presents a special award to Tara Brown of the Norfolk County Sheriff's Commencement. Department at the recent Quincy District Court Drug Program



CAROL QUEENY, a recently retired probation officer, re ceives a special award by Associate Justice Diane E. Moriarty for Queeney's years of dedication to the recovery community Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Nobl

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### Massachusetts General Laws c.211C, as amended by St. 1987, c.656

### SECTION 1. Establishment; membership; expenses; term; chairman

There shall be a commission on judicial conduct consisting of nine members. Three judges shall be appointed by the justices of the supreme judicial court, none of whom shall be justices of said court and no two of whom shall be from the same department of the trial court. Three members of the bar shall be appointed by the chief administrative justice of the trial court, none of whom shall be judges. Three members shall be appointed by the governor, none of whom shall be members of the bar. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses reasonably incurred by them in the performance of their duties. Members of the commission shall serve for six year terms. Commission membership shall terminate if a member ceases to be qualified for the appointment. A vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of the term. Upon the expiration of the term of office of a member, his successor shall be appointed in the manner aforesaid. No person shall succeed himself as a member of the commission except when his membership is due to an appointment to fill a vacancy for the remainder of an unexpired term. One or more alternate members, as necessary, shall be elected in the manner prescribed for initial appointments in each representative class, and shall serve at the call of the chairman to take the place of those who are disqualified from participating in a commission proceeding pursuant to commission rules

### **SECTION 2. Investigations; hearings; recommendations**

- (1) All judges of the trial court, the appeals court and the supreme judicial court shall be subject to discipline pursuant to this chapter. The commission on judicial conduct shall have the authority to receive information, investigate, conduct hearings, and make recommendations to the supreme judicial court concerning allegations of judicial misconduct and allegations of mental or physical disability affecting a judge's performance.
- (2) The commission shall have jurisdiction over investigations and recommendations regarding discipline arising from the conduct of all judges, including any retired judge who is assigned to perform the duties of a judge for a temporary period. This jurisdiction shall include all conduct that occurred prior to a judge's assuming judicial office, and conduct of a lawyer who is no longer a judge that occurred while he held judicial office; provided, however, that in evaluating such conduct, the commission shall give substantial weight to relevant decisions of the supreme judicial court and the board of bar overseers regarding bar discipline. The foregoing shall not be construed to derogate the inherent authority of the supreme judicial court to supervise and discipline judges, the authority of the governor with the consent of the council to remove a judge upon the address of both houses of the legislature or to retire a judge involuntarily because of advanced age or mental or physical disability, the authority of the legislature to remove a judge through impeachment, or the supervisory authority of the chief justices of the appeals and supreme judicial courts or of the chief and department administrative justices of the trial court.
- (3) Except where the commission determines otherwise for good cause, the commission shall not deal with complaints arising out of acts or omissions occurring more than one year prior to the date commission proceedings are initiated pursuant to section five; provided, however, that, when the last episode of an alleged pattern of recurring judicial conduct arises within the one year period, the commission may consider all prior acts or omissions related to such alleged pattern of conduct.

- (4) In the absence of fraud, corrupt motive, bad faith, or clear indication that the judge's conduct violates the code of judicial conduct, the commission shall not take action against a judge for making findings of fact, reaching a legal conclusion, or applying the law as he understands it. Commission proceedings shall not be a substitute for an appeal.
  - (5) Grounds for discipline shall include:
    - (a) conviction of a felony;
    - (b) willful misconduct in office;
    - (c) willful misconduct which, although not related to judicial duties, brings the judicial office into disrepute;
    - (d) conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice or conduct unbecoming a judicial officer, whether conduct in office or outside of judicial duties, that brings the judicial office into disrepute; or
    - (e) any conduct that constitutes a violation of the codes of judicial conduct or professional responsibility.

### SECTION 3. Report; appropriations; offices; rules; immunity; executive director; proceedings

- (1) The commission shall report only to the supreme judicial court. The commission shall be allowed for its purposes annually such amount as shall be appropriated for it by the general court. The commission shall be provided with adequate offices. The commission may adopt rules of procedure, without compliance with the provisions of chapter thirty A, but subject to the approval of the supreme judicial court, and may develop appropriate forms for its proceedings. Such rules shall establish reasonable time limits for all stages of commission proceedings and standards for extending time limits applicable to commission proceedings.
- (2) Members of the commission, hearing officers, commission counsel, and staff shall be absolutely immune from suit for all conduct in the course of their official duties. A complaint submitted to the commission or its staff and communications related to the complaint shall be absolutely privileged, and no civil action predicated on the complaint or on such a communication may be instituted against any complainant or witness or his counsel; provided, however, such immunity from suit shall apply only to communications to the commission or its staff and shall not apply to public disclosure of information contained in or relating to the complaint.
- (3) The commission shall appoint an executive director who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission. The executive director shall be a member of the Massachusetts bar, shall serve full time, and shall not engage in the practice of law. The executive director shall receive an annual salary, subject to appropriation, which is fixed by the commission consistent with classification and compensation policies of the supreme judicial court, and such expenses as are approved by the commission and incurred in the discharge of the executive director's duties.
- (4) The executive director shall have duties and responsibilities as prescribed by the commission, including the authority to:
  - (a) receive information, allegations, and complaints;
  - (b) make preliminary evaluations:
  - (c) screen complaints;
  - (d) conduct investigations;
  - (e) recommend dispositions;
  - (f) maintain the commission's records;
  - (g) maintain statistics concerning the operation of the commission and make them available to the commission and to the supreme judicial court;
  - (h) prepare the commission's budget for approval by the commission and administer its funds;

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- (i) employ and supervise other members of the commission's staff;
- (j) prepare the annual report of the commission's activities required pursuant to section four; and
- (k) employ, with the approval of the commission and subject to appropriation, special counsel, private investigators, or other experts, and clerical assistants, as necessary to investigate and process matters before the commission and before the supreme judicial court. Neither the attorney general's staff nor law enforcement officers shall be employed for this purpose.
- (5) The supreme judicial court may delegate the power to enforce process in commission proceedings to another appropriate court. A witness at any stage of commission proceedings may rely on any privilege applicable to civil proceedings.

### **SECTION 4. Annual report**

The commission shall submit annually to the general court and the supreme judicial court a report of its activities together with recommendations. This report shall be a matter of public record and shall be printed as a public document.

### SECTION 5. Initiation of proceedings; inquiry, investigation and evaluation; detailed complaint or statement of allegations; formal charges

- (1) Commission proceedings relating to the conduct of a judge may be initiated by an oral or written complaint stating facts that, if true, would be grounds for discipline, or by the commission's own motion when the commission receives reasonable information, including reports in the news media, as to conduct that appears to constitute grounds for discipline. Upon receipt of such complaint or adoption of such motion, the commission shall promptly notify the judge, except as provided in subdivision (2), and shall conduct a prompt, discreet and confidential inquiry, investigation and evaluation.
- (2) The commission shall notify the judge of the proceedings and their subject matter before commencing any inquiry, investigation or evaluation in all cases except as follows:
  - (a) where, because of the nature of the complaint, delay is necessary in order to preserve evidence, notice may be delayed until such evidence is obtained, until the matter is dismissed, or until the sworn complaint or statement of allegations is served pursuant to subdivision (6), whichever occurs first;
  - (b) where the identity of the complainant could be readily determined by the judge from the nature of the complaint and there is a danger of reprisal against the complainant, notice may be delayed until the danger of reprisal ends, until the matter is dismissed, or until the sworn complaint or statement of allegations is served pursuant to subdivision (6), whichever occurs first; provided, however, that in any such case where there is an ongoing danger of reprisal, the notice and the statement of allegations may be drafted so as to conceal the complainant's identity.
- (3) The commission shall discourage and shall promptly dismiss complaints which are frivolous, unfounded or outside commission jurisdiction. The commission shall notify the judge and the complainant, if any, of such dismissal in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (1), (2) and (10).
- (4) At any stage of the proceeding, the commission shall be entitled within the time limits established by commission rule to compel by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses, including the judge, and to provide for the inspection of documents, books, accounts, and other records.

- (5) After a thorough inquiry, investigation and evaluation, the executive director shall recommend to the commission, and the commission shall determine, by majority vote, whether there is adequate reason to proceed to the preparation of a detailed complaint or statement of allegations. If so, the commission shall request that the complainant file a detailed sworn complaint against the judge. When a sworn complaint is not obtained, the executive director shall prepare a clear statement of the allegations against the judge and the alleged facts forming their basis. Said complaint or statement of allegations shall clearly set forth each act of misconduct where more than one act of misconduct is alleged, and shall state clearly the provision of statute, code of judicial conduct or code of professional responsibility alleged to have been violated by each alleged act of misconduct.
- (6) The judge shall be served promptly with a copy of the sworn complaint or statement of allegations.
- (7) The judge shall have twenty-one days after receipt of the sworn complaint or statement of allegations to respond in writing to the charges and, if he wishes, to file a written request for a personal appearance before the commission.
- (8) The judge shall be entitled to counsel of his own choice. After the judge is served with the sworn complaint or statement of allegations, he shall be entitled before the issuance of formal charges and within the time limits established by commission rule to compel by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses, through depositions, and to provide for the inspection of documents, books, accounts, written or electronically recorded statements, and other records. The judge may file written material for commission consideration before the issuance of formal charges.
- (9) If the judge requests a personal appearance before the commission, he may be accompanied by counsel, his statement and that of his counsel shall be recorded, and the commission shall not issue formal charges until after such personal appearance.
- (10) If at any time prior to the issuance of formal charges the commission determines that it does not have sufficient cause to proceed, the commission shall terminate the proceedings by closing the investigation or dismissing the complaint or the statement of allegations. In that event, the commission shall give notice to the complainant, if any, and to the judge that it has found insufficient cause to proceed. The file in any matter so terminated shall be closed.
- (11) The commission may not refer subsequently to a file closed before the issuance of formal charges except in the following circumstances:
  - (a) in a subsequent proceeding that raises similar allegations against the judge and indicates a pattern of recurring judicial misconduct;
  - (b) in a subsequent proceeding alleging conduct in violation of conditions imposed as part of an informal adjustment pursuant to subdivision (1) of section eight;
  - (c) in connection with a decision as to the recommended sanction to be imposed in a subsequent proceeding.
- (12) The commission may, upon notice to the judge, amend the allegations prior to a finding of sufficient cause to issue formal charges. The judge may amend his written response or submit additional written material for commission consideration before such finding.
- (13) After the judge's personal appearance pursuant to subdivision (9), if any, and after the expiration of any time limit upon written submissions by the judge pursuant to subdivisions (8) and (12), the commission shall determine whether there is sufficient cause to issue formal charges. A finding of sufficient cause to issue formal charges shall require the concurrence of the majority of all commission members that there is a preponderance of credible evidence that the judge's conduct constitutes grounds for discipline.

(14) When sufficient cause is found, the commission shall issue formal charges stating those allegations as to which sufficient cause is found. A copy of the formal statement of charges shall be served promptly upon the judge and the judge shall have ten days to respond. Immediately thereafter, a copy of such formal statement of charges and of the judge's written response shall be filed with the supreme judicial court, which shall promptly appoint a hearing officer. Confidentiality shall cease upon this filing, as provided in section six, and after this filing the proceedings shall be governed by the provisions of section seven.

### **SECTION 6. Confidentiality**

- (1) Except as provided in this section, all proceedings of the commission shall be confidential until there has been a determination of sufficient cause and formal charges have been filed with the supreme judicial court. The commission shall ensure that a procedure applicable to commission members, counsel and staff is established for enforcing confidentiality.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1), the judge may waive his right to confidentiality prior to a finding of sufficient cause. In addition, in any case in which the subject matter becomes public, through independent sources or through a waiver of confidentiality by the judge, the commission may issue such statements as it deems appropriate in order to confirm the pendency of the investigation, to clarify the procedural aspects of the disciplinary proceedings, to explain the right of the judge to a fair hearing without prejudgment, or to state that the judge denies the allegations.
- (3) If the inquiry was initiated as a result of notoriety or because of conduct that is a matter of public record, and is subsequently terminated because there is insufficient cause to proceed, information concerning the insufficiency of cause to proceed may be released by the commission.
- (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, proceedings pursuant to this chapter may remain confidential, even after a finding of sufficient cause, if the judge, the commission, and the complainant, if any, all concur.
- (5) If any federal agency, the judicial nominating council, or any like agency for screening candidates for judicial appointment which succeeds the judicial nominating council, seeks information or written materials from the commission concerning a judge, in connection with his selection or appointment as a judge, information may be divulged in accordance with procedures prescribed by commission rule, including reasonable notice to the judge affected, unless the judge signs a waiver of the right to such notice. If, in connection with the assignment of a retired judge to judicial duties, the chief justice of the supreme judicial court or the appeals court or the chief administrative justice of the trial court seeks information or written materials from the commission about the judge, information may be divulged in accordance with procedures prescribed by commission rule, including reasonable notice to the judge affected, unless the judge signs a waiver of the right to such notice.

### SECTION 7. Hearing; recommendation for discipline; attorneys' fees

- (1) The commission shall schedule a hearing without undue delay after the appointment of the hearing officer by the supreme judicial court. The commission shall schedule the time and place of the hearing, and shall notify the judge and all counsel of the hearing. The judge shall be afforded ample opportunity to prepare for the hearing and may amend his written response to the charges.
- (2) The judge and the commission shall each be entitled to discovery to the extent available in civil proceedings, within the time limits provided by commission rules. The judge and the commission shall each be entitled to compel by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses, including the judge, and to provide for the inspection of documents, books, accounts, and other records.

- (3) The formal hearing shall be public and shall be conducted before the hearing officer appointed by the supreme judicial court. At the hearing, all testimony shall be under oath, the rules of evidence applicable to civil proceedings shall apply, and the judge shall be accorded due process of law.
- (4) An attorney or attorneys of the commission staff, or special counsel retained for the purpose, shall present the matter to the hearing officer. The commission shall have the burden of proving the charges by clear and convincing evidence. The judge and the commission shall be permitted to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses, subject to the rules of evidence applicable to civil proceedings.
- (5) The raising of mental or physical condition as a defense constitutes a waiver of medical privilege.
- (6) By leave of the commission or with the consent of the judge, the statement of charges may be amended after commencement of the hearing only if the amendment is technical in nature and the judge and his counsel are given adequate time to prepare a response.
  - (7) Every hearing shall be transcribed.
- (8) The hearing officer shall submit to the commission and to the judge a report containing proposed findings and recommendations, the transcripts of testimony and all exhibits. Counsel for the judge and commission shall have twenty days after receipt of such report to submit written objections to the findings and recommendations, and said objections shall become part of the record.
- (9) Before the commission reaches its decision, the judge and the complainant, if any, shall have the right to be heard before the commission regarding its recommendation for discipline, and their statements shall be transcribed. Such hearing shall be public, but commission deliberations regarding such recommendation shall be conducted in executive session. The commission shall reach a decision on the basis of the full record within ninety days after such hearing, unless there is good cause for delay. Its conclusions may differ from those proposed by the hearing officer. Its decision shall state specific reasons for all conclusions and recommendations.
- (10) A recommendation for discipline shall be reported to the supreme judicial court only if a majority of all members of the commission concur that discipline should be recommended. Any dissent as to the need for or the form of discipline shall be transmitted with the majority decision. A copy of said recommendation and dissent shall be given to the judge and shall become part of the public record. The entire record, including transcripts, exhibits and the hearing officer's report, shall be transmitted to the supreme judicial court.
- (11) If a majority of the members of the commission concur that discipline should not be recommended, the matter shall be dismissed, and the judge and complainant, if any, shall be notified of such dismissal.
- (12) The provisions of subdivisions (10) and (11) shall not be construed to prohibit the commission from disposing of the matter by informal adjustment pursuant to section eight as a result of commission deliberations regarding a recommendation for discipline.
  - (13) The expense of witnesses shall be borne by the party that calls them unless:
    - (a) physical or mental disability of the judge is in issue, in which case the commission shall reimburse the judge for the reasonable expenses of the witnesses whose testimony related to the disability; or
    - (b) the supreme judicial court determines that the imposition of costs and expert witness fees will work a financial hardship or injustice upon him and orders that those fees be reimbursed.
- (14) All witnesses shall receive fees and expenses in the same manner as witnesses in civil actions before the courts. A transcript of all proceedings shall be provided to the judge without cost. Except as provided in subdivision (13), costs of all proceedings shall be at public expense.

(15) With the approval of the supreme judicial court, a judge shall be entitled to the payment of reasonable attorneys' fees by the commonwealth in any case where the matter is dismissed by the commission at any stage after the filing of a sworn complaint or statement of charges, where the supreme judicial court determines despite a commission recommendation for discipline that no sanction is justified, or where the supreme judicial court determines that justice will be served by the payment of such fees.

### **SECTION 8. Informal adjustment; sanctions**

- (1) With the agreement of the judge, the commission may by informal adjustment dispose of a complaint at any stage of the proceedings by:
  - (a) informing or admonishing the judge that his conduct is or may be cause for discipline;
  - (b) directing professional counseling and assistance for the judge;
  - (c) imposing conditions on the judge's conduct; or
  - (d) persuading a judge to retire voluntarily.
- (2) The commission may dismiss a sworn complaint, a statement of allegations or a formal statement of charges as unjustified or unfounded at any stage during the proceedings.
  - (3) The commission may issue a private reprimand with the consent of the judge.
- (4) The commission may recommend to the supreme judicial court one or more of the following sanctions:
  - (a) removal;
  - (b) retirement;
  - (c) imposition of discipline as an attorney;
  - (d) imposition of limitations or conditions on the performance of judicial duties;
  - (e) public or private reprimand or censure;
  - (f) imposition of a fine;
  - (g) assessment of costs and expenses;
  - (h) imposition of any other sanction which is reasonable and lawful.

### SECTION 9. Charges against supreme judicial court member

The chief justice and the six most senior justices of the appeals court other than the chief justice shall serve in the place of the supreme judicial court when charges are brought against a member of the supreme judicial court.

### **SECTION 10. Physical or mental disabilities**

- (1) The commission shall have authority to receive information, investigate, conduct hearings, and make recommendations to the court relating to mental or physical disability affecting a judge's performance.
- (2) In carrying out its responsibilities regarding physical or mental disabilities, the commission shall follow the same procedures that it employs with respect to discipline for misconduct.
- (3) If the judge in a matter relating to physical or mental disability is not represented by counsel, the commission shall appoint an attorney to represent him at public expense.
- (4) If a complaint involves the physical or mental condition of the judge, a denial of the alleged condition shall constitute a waiver of medical privilege and the judge shall be required to produce his medical records.

(5) If medical privilege is waived, the judge shall be deemed to have consented to a physical or mental examination by a qualified medical practitioner designated by the commission. The report of the medical practitioner shall be furnished to the commission and the judge.

### **SECTION 11. Advisory committee**

The supreme judicial court may establish an advisory committee on the code of judicial conduct, which may render advisory opinions to judges at their request or on its own motion.

### RULES OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT Effective April 1, 1988

### **SCOPE AND TITLE**

These rules govern the procedures of the Commission on Judicial Conduct in the exercise of its jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 211C of the General Laws as appearing in St.1987, c. 656, and apply to proceedings which are initiated on or after April 1, 1988. These rules shall be known and may be cited as the Rules of the Commission on Judicial Conduct (R.C.J.C.). (Any proceedings initiated prior to April 1, 1988, shall be governed by the rules which were in effect under Chapter 211C before April 1, 1988.)

### **RULE 1. DEFINITIONS**

- A. "Anonymous Complaint" means a complaint, written or oral, received by the Commission, in which the identity of the complainant is not revealed.
- B. "Chairman" and "Vice Chairman" refer to members of the Commission elected as such by vote of the Commission. Whenever used in these rules, the word "Chairman" shall include, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman or other member acting as Chairman.
- C. "Commission" means the Commission on Judicial Conduct.
- D. "Complainant" means a person or entity who has communicated to the Commission a complaint against a judge.
- E. "Complaint" means any oral or written statement which alleges judicial misconduct or physical or mental disability of a judge.
- F. "Conditions on the Judge's Conduct," for purposes of G.L. c.211C, section 8(1)(c), shall include but not be limited to:
  - (1) education;
  - (2) training;
  - (3) mentoring;
  - (4) foreclosing eligibility for recall;

- (5) an agreed upon press release to be issued, with no other public comment on the matter by either party;
- (6) requiring that a decision in a court case be issued by a certain date;
  - (7) periodic status reports;
- (8) meeting with Commission members and/ or staff;
- (9) writing an apology to a person or to the public:
- (10) requiring the judge to caution the judge's family members regarding misuse of their relationship to the judge;
- (11) agreeing never to mediate, hear or rule on any matters involving the attorneys who investigated and prosecuted the matter, or their firms;
- (12) insuring that official audio equipment is recording at all times during court proceedings;
  - (13) holding conferences on the record;
- (14) otherwise requiring a judge to comply with the law, the Code of Judicial Conduct and other rules, regulations, orders and procedures.
- (15) If the Commission finds that a condition not specified herein would be appropriate, the Commission may file under seal a request with the Supreme Judicial Court to rule within fourteen days as to whether that condition is permissible in this category, without disclosing the identity of the judge.
- (a) If the Court does not rule within fourteen days, the Commission may assume that the condition is permissible in this category.
- G. "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Commission or a member of the Commission's staff acting under the Executive Director's supervision.
- H. "Judge" means a judge or justice of any court of this Commonwealth.
- I. "Notoriety" means broad public knowledge.
- J. "Reasonable Information" means any information, including reports in the news media, which comes to the attention of the Commission and which contains credible allegations about a judge that, if true, would constitute misconduct

or disability within the jurisdiction of the Commission under Chapter 211C.

- K. "Shall" is mandatory; "may" is permissive.
- L. "Special Counsel" means an attorney, appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court at the request of the Commission, to conduct investigations, to make recommendations to the Commission, and/ or to present evidence at a hearing, with respect to a complaint or charges against a judge, or to take any other action related thereto which the Commission may direct.
- M. "Statement of Allegations" means a clear statement of the allegations against a judge and the alleged facts forming their basis.
- N. "Sworn Complaint" means a detailed written complaint which the complainant signs under oath and files, at the request of the Commission.

Amended September 14, 1999, effective October 1, 1999; amended May 8, 2007, effective July 1, 2007.

### RULE 2. COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION

- A. The composition of the Commission and terms of its members are as provided in Chapter 211C.
- B. A member of the Commission shall not participate in any proceeding in which the impartiality of that member might reasonably be questioned. Disqualification pursuant to this section shall be by the member involved or by affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of the Commission
- (1) Upon the call of the Chairman, an alternate member shall serve in place of a member of the Commission who has been disqualified from participating in a Commission proceeding or is otherwise unable to serve. Whenever an alternate member is called to serve in the place of a member of the Commission, the judge in question and the complainant shall be so notified.
- C. If a Commission member ceases to be qualified for the appointment to represent the category for which he was appointed, resigns, or becomes permanently unable to serve for any reason, a vacancy shall occur. An appointment to

fill a vacancy for the duration of the unexpired term shall be made by the appropriate appointing authority forthwith.

### RULE 3. ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION

- A. A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected annually by the members of the Commission.
- B. Meetings of the Commission shall be held upon the call of the Chairman or the written request of at least three members of the Commission. Meetings shall not be held on less than three days notice; but this requirement may be waived by consent of all the members. The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Commission, and the Vice Chairman shall act in the absence or disqualification of the Chairman. In the absence or disqualification of both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, the members shall select one among them as acting Chairman.
- C. A quorum of the Commission shall consist of five members, including at least one judge, one member of the bar who is not a judge, and one lay person who is not a member of the bar. An affirmative vote of at least five members of the Commission is required to dismiss, informally adjust, or otherwise dispose of a proceeding; to issue formal charges against a judge; or to make recommendations to the Supreme Judicial Court regarding disciplinary action. A vote may be taken by telephone when a decision is required sooner than a meeting could be held, unless any member objects.

### RULE 4. JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION

- A. The Commission shall have the authority to receive information, conduct investigations and hearings, and make recommendations to the Supreme Judicial Court concerning allegations of judicial misconduct or disability.
- B. The Commission's jurisdiction shall include the conduct of all active judges prior to, as well as during, their service in judicial office and shall also include the conduct of a retired judge who has been recalled.

### **RULE 5. CONFIDENTIALITY**

- A. All proceedings prior to a determination of sufficient cause and the filing of formal charges shall be confidential.
- B. Records, files, and reports of the Commission shall be confidential, and no disclosure shall be made, except as follows:
- (1) Upon waiver in writing by the judge at any stage of the proceedings;
- (2) Upon inquiry by an appointing authority or by a state or federal agency conducting investigations on behalf of such authority in connection with the selection or appointment of judges; or upon inquiry in connection with the assignment or recall of a retired judge to judicial duties, by or on behalf of the assigning authority, in which case the Commission may:
- (a) divulge whatever information is a matter of public record; and
- (b) after obtaining the judge's signed waiver, divulge other relevant information; or
- (c) divulge other relevant information after giving written notice to the judge affected of its intention to do so and allowing the judge seven (7) days to respond.
- (3) In cases in which the subject matter has become public, the Commission may issue such statements as it deems appropriate in order to confirm the pendency of the investigation, to clarify the procedural aspects of the proceedings, to explain the right of the judge to a fair hearing, or to state that the judge denies the allegations;
- (4) Upon filing of formal charges, in which case only the formal charges, the answer thereto, the evidentiary hearings thereon, and the final recommendation by the Commission as to disposition shall become public, except as provided in paragraph D below.
- C. Where the circumstances necessitating the initiation of an inquiry include notoriety, or where the conduct in question is a matter of public record, information concerning the lack of cause to proceed may be released by the Commission.

- D. Proceedings may remain confidential, even after a finding of sufficient cause, if the judge, the Commission, and the complainant, if any, all concur.
- E. If, in the course of its proceedings, the Commission becomes aware of credible evidence that any person has committed a crime, the Commission may report such evidence to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

### RULE 6. COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS: INITIAL STAGES; GENERAL PROVISIONS

- **A. Initiation of Proceeding.** A Commission proceeding relating to the conduct of a judge is initiated when the Commission receives a written or oral complaint, or when the Commission by motion creates its own complaint, on the basis of reasonable information.
- **B. Screening.** The Executive Director shall cause each complaint to be screened promptly upon its receipt. The screening may include communication with the complainant, if any, to clarify the contents of the complaint, but shall not include any investigation of the allegations set forth in the complaint.

### C. Docketing and Notification.

- (1) If the Executive Director determines after screening that the complaint does not set forth facts concerning a judge's conduct which, if true, would constitute misconduct or disability within the Commission's jurisdiction, the Executive Director shall notify the complainant that the complaint will not be docketed or investigated by the Commission.
- (2) If the Executive Director determines after screening a complaint that it alleges specific facts which, if true, would constitute misconduct or disability within the Commission's jurisdiction, the Executive Director shall docket the complaint.
- (3) Except as provided in Rules 6D, 6E, 6F and 6G, the Executive Director shall notify the judge of the complaint promptly after it is docketed. Notification shall be by certified mail or registered mail, addressed to the judge's last

known place of residence, unless the judge has requested a different mailing address or the use of regular mail. Except where notice of the complaint is delayed or withheld pursuant to Rule 6G, the Executive Director shall not conduct any inquiry into or investigation of the complaint until notice has been sent to the judge.

**D. Frivolous or Unfounded Complaints.** If, on the basis of screening, the Executive Director is of the opinion that a docketed complaint is frivolous or unfounded, the Executive Director shall promptly recommend its dismissal to the Commission before notifying the judge of the complaint. If a majority of the Commission votes to dismiss the complaint, the Executive Director shall promptly notify the complainant of the dismissal and the judge of both the complaint and its dismissal. If a majority of the Commission does not vote to dismiss the complaint, except as provided in Rule 6G, the Executive Director shall promptly notify the judge of the complaint in accordance with Rule 6C(3).

E. Stale Complaints. When a complaint is docketed in which the allegations arise out of acts or omissions all occurring more than one year prior to the date the complaint was filed, the Executive Director shall, before notifying the judge of the complaint and before undertaking any inquiry or investigation of its allegations, make a recommendation to the Commission as to whether there exists good cause to investigate the complaint. If a majority of the Commission determines that there is not good cause to investigate the complaint, the complaint shall be dismissed without investigation, and the complainant, if any, as well as the judge, shall be so notified. If a majority of the Commission determines that there is good cause to investigate the complaint, except as provided in Rule 6G, the Executive Director shall notify the judge of the complaint pursuant to Rule 6C(3). When a complaint alleges a pattern of recurring misconduct the last episode of which is alleged to have occurred less than one year prior to the filing of the complaint, a determination by the Commission of "good cause" pursuant to this Rule is not necessary.

F. Anonymous Complaints. Following the docketing of an anonymous complaint pursuant to Rule 6C(2), the Executive Director shall not conduct any inquiry or investigation of it unless the Commission, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, determines by majority vote that the allegations of the anonymous complaint would, if true, constitute misconduct or disability within the jurisdiction of the Commission, and the seriousness or the notoriety of the misconduct alleged outweighs the potential prejudicial effect of an investigation into the merits of the complaint. If the Commission does not make such a determination, the complaint shall be dismissed. and the Executive Director shall promptly notify the judge of both the complaint and its dismissal. If the Commission does make such a determination, except as provided in Rule 6G, the Executive Director shall promptly notify the judge of the anonymous complaint in accordance with Rule 6C(3).

G. Withholding Notification. If the Executive Director is of the opinion that, because of the nature of the complaint or the identity of the complainant, notification to the judge would create a substantial risk that evidence material to its investigation might be lost or destroyed, or that there is a substantial danger of reprisal or retaliation by the judge against the complainant or any other person mentioned in the complaint, the Executive Director shall recommend to the Commission that notice of the complaint to the judge be delayed or that notice of certain information in the complaint be delayed. No inquiry or investigation into the complaint beyond the screening process shall take place until the Commission has voted on the Executive Director's recommendation.

- (1) If a majority of the Commission does not vote to approve any delay in notifying the judge of the complaint in whole or in part, the Executive Director shall promptly notify the judge of the complaint in accordance with Rule 6C(2).
- (2) If a majority of the Commission determines that notice to the judge of the complaint in its entirety would create a substantial risk of

lost or destroyed evidence or of reprisal, the Commission shall vote to approve the delay in notifying the judge of the complaint in whole or in part. If the Commission approves a delay in providing notice to the judge of any portion of the complaint, the Executive Director shall proceed with an investigation of the complaint pursuant to Rule 6H. If the Commission approves a delay in providing notice to the judge of certain information in the complaint such as the identity of the complainant, the Executive Director shall promptly notify the judge in accordance with Rule 6C(3) of all portions of the complaint for which no delay was approved before proceeding with any investigation.

- (3) Notice of a complaint may be delayed pursuant to this paragraph only until the Commission obtains the necessary evidence or the risk of reprisal ends.
- (4) The Commission shall take reasonable steps to insure that as much notice as possible of the complaint's allegations is provided to the judge at the earliest time feasible in accordance with this Rule.
- **H. Investigation.** Unless a complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rule 6D, 6E or 6F, and except as provided in Rule 6G, after notice is given to the judge pursuant to Rule 6C(3), the Executive Director shall initiate a discreet and confidential investigation and evaluation of the complaint.
- I. Request for Special Counsel. If in the course of an investigation the Executive Director concludes that Special Counsel is required, the Executive Director shall recommend that the Commission request the appointment of a Special Counsel by the Supreme Judicial Court. The Commission may also take such action upon its own motion.
- **J. Sworn Complaint or Statement of Allegations.** Within ninety (90) days after the initiation of proceedings, the Executive Director shall recommend to the Commission whether there is adequate reason to proceed to the preparation of a Sworn Complaint or Statement of Allegations.
- (1) The Commission shall so decide by majority vote.

- (2) If the Executive Director recommends that further investigation is necessary before making this determination, the Commission may vote to continue the investigation on a month-to-month basis.
- (3) If the Commission finds that there is sufficient cause to proceed, the complainant, if any, shall be asked to file a detailed, signed, Sworn Complaint against the judge. The Sworn Complaint shall state the facts constituting the alleged misconduct. Immediately upon receipt of the Sworn Complaint, the Executive Director shall make written acknowledgment thereof to the complainant.
- (4) When a Sworn Complaint is not obtained, a Statement of Allegations against the judge and the alleged facts forming their basis shall be prepared by the Executive Director. Where more than one act of misconduct is alleged, each act should be clearly set forth in the Sworn Complaint, or in the Statement of Allegations, as the case may be.
- (5) In any case where the judge has not yet been notified of the entire complaint pursuant to Rule 6G, if the Commission determines by majority vote that there remains an ongoing danger of reprisal, the Sworn Complaint or the Statement of Allegations may be drafted so as to conceal the complainant's identity.
- **K. Same; Service.** The judge shall immediately be served with a copy of the Sworn Complaint or Statement of Allegations.
- L. Same; Answer. Within twenty-one (21) days after the service of the Sworn Complaint or the Statement of Allegations, the judge may file a written answer with the Executive Director and may request a personal appearance before the Commission, in lieu of or in addition to a written response. If the judge elects to appear personally, his or her statement shall be recorded.
- M. Same; Dismissal. After the judge's answer and personal appearance, if any, the Commission may terminate the proceeding and dismiss the complaint and, in that event, shall give notice to the judge and the complainant that it has found insufficient cause to proceed.

- **N. Same; Amendment.** Amendment of the allegations regarding the misconduct of a judge, whether presented to the Commission in a Sworn Complaint or in a Statement of Allegations, shall be permitted prior to a finding of sufficient cause, provided that notice thereof and an opportunity further to respond within twenty-one (21) days is given to the judge.
- **O. Right to Counsel.** The judge shall be entitled to counsel of the judge's own choice.
- P. Right to Compel Attendance of Witnesses and Inspection of Records. At any stage of the proceeding, the Commission or its designee may administer oaths or affirmations and shall be entitled to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses, including the judge himself or herself, and the production of papers, books, accounts, documents, electronic recordings, other tangible things, or any other relevant evidence or testimony.
- (1) Upon receiving the Sworn Complaint or Statement of Allegations, the judge shall become entitled to compel by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses through depositions, and to provide for the inspection of documents, books, accounts, written or electronically-recorded statements, and other records.
- (2) Witnesses may be interviewed, whether or not under oath and whether or not their statements are memorialized, without the presence of other participants. In other circumstances, statements may be taken as depositions, in accordance with Rule 9.
- **Q. Privilege.** A complaint submitted to the Commission or its staff, or testimony with respect thereto, shall be absolutely privileged. No civil action predicated on the complaint shall be instituted against a complainant or a witness, or against counsel to either of them.
- **R. Recommendation Concerning Assignment.** At any time the Commission may recommend to the Supreme Judicial Court, or to the Chief Justice for Administration and Management and the appropriate Chief Justice, the non-assignment

- or special assignment of a judge, pending the final disposition of a proceeding. The Commission shall state the reasons for its recommendation. A copy of any such recommendation shall be sent by the Commission to the judge.
- **S. Consultation.** In the course of a proceeding, the Commission may consult with the Chief Justice for Administration and Management and the appropriate Chief Justice about administrative matters.
- **T. Record of Commission Proceedings.** The Commission shall keep a record of all proceedings concerning a judge. The Commission's findings, conclusions and recommendations shall be entered in the record
- **U. Extensions of Time.** The Chairman of the Commission may for good cause extend the time for the filing of an answer, discovery, commencement of a hearing, or transmittal of the Hearing Officer's report, and any other time limit set herein.
- V. Enforcement of an agreement for Informal Adjustment shall be by the Commission, or, upon application by the Commission to the Supreme Judicial Court, by the Court.

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### RULE 7. SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR FORMAL CHARGES

- A. Following the expiration of the twenty-one (21) days allowed for the judge's response, for any proceeding not dismissed, the Commission shall thereafter hold a formal meeting which shall be conducted in private, at which the rules of evidence need not be observed. The judge shall have the right to make a personal appearance with his attorney, but not to be present during the Commission deliberations.
- B. At this meeting the Commission shall vote to dispose of the case in one of the following ways:
- (1) If it finds that there has been no misconduct, the Executive Director shall be instructed to send the judge and the complainant notice of dismissal.

- (2) If it finds that there has been misconduct for which a private reprimand constitutes adequate discipline, and if the judge consents, it shall issue the reprimand. The complainant shall be notified that the matter has been so resolved.
- (3) If it finds that there has been conduct that is or might be cause for discipline but for which an informal adjustment is appropriate, it may, with the agreement of the judge, so inform or admonish the judge, direct professional counseling or assistance for the judge, or impose conditions on the judge's future conduct. The complainant shall be notified that the matter has been so resolved. When either conditions or treatment is prescribed, the Commission shall provide for supervision, enforcement thereof, or both.
- (4) If it finds by a preponderance of the credible evidence that there is sufficient cause to believe that there has been misconduct of a nature requiring a formal disciplinary proceeding, the Commission shall issue formal charges against the judge. A copy of the formal charges shall be served promptly upon the judge, and the judge shall have ten (10) days to respond.
- (5) If it finds that there has been conduct that is or might be cause for discipline and for which direct submission to the Supreme Judicial Court is appropriate, it may, with the agreement of the judge, make a direct submission in accordance with Rule 13.

Amended May 8, 2007, effective July 1, 2007.

### RULE 8. SCHEDULING OF FORMAL HEARING

- A. Upon the filing of the judge's written response to the formal charges or the expiration of the time for its filing, a copy of the formal charges and of the judge's written response shall be filed with the Supreme Judicial Court, which shall promptly appoint a Hearing Officer.
- B. Immediately upon the appointment of a Hearing Officer by the Supreme Judicial Court, the Commission shall schedule a hearing to take place in not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days. The Commission shall immediately notify the judge and all counsel of the time and place for the hearing.

### RULE 9. DISCOVERY DURING THE FORMAL PROCEEDING STAGE

A. Attached to the notice required by Rule 7B(4) shall be further notice that the Commission shall, within a reasonable time, make available for inspection upon the written request of the judge all books, papers, records, documents, electronic recordings, and other tangible things within the custody and control of the Commission which are relevant to the issues of the disciplinary proceeding, and any written or electronically recorded statements within the custody and control of the Commission which are relevant to the issues of the disciplinary proceeding. The failure of the Commission to furnish timely any such materials provided for herein shall not affect the validity of any proceedings before the Commission, provided that such failure is not substantially prejudicial to the judge.

- B. Within thirty (30) days after service of the formal charges, the Commission or the judge
- (1) May upon written request to the appropriate party prior to the hearing:
- (a) Have made available to him for inspection and copying within a reasonable period of time all books, papers, records, documents, electronic recordings, or other tangible things which that party intends to present at a hearing.
- (b) Obtain the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to a party in the proceeding, including an identification of those intended to be called to testify at the hearing.
- (c) Have made available to him for inspection and copying within a reasonable period of time any written or electronically recorded statements made by witnesses who will be called to give testimony at the hearing.
- (2) May, upon written application to the Commission, upon such terms and conditions as the Commission may impose:
- (a) Depose within or without the Commonwealth persons having relevant testimony. The complete record of the testimony so taken shall be made and preserved by stenographic record or electronic recording.

- (i) The written application to the Commission shall state the name and post office address of the witness, the subject matter concerning which the witness is expected to testify, the time and place of taking the deposition, and the reason why such deposition should be taken.
- (ii) Unless notice is waived, no deposition shall be taken except after at least seven (7) days notice to the other parties.
- (iii) Unless otherwise directed by the Commission, the deponent may be examined regarding any matter not privileged which is relevant to the subject matter of the proceedings. Parties shall have the right of cross-examination, and objection. In making objections to questions or evidence, the grounds relied upon shall be stated briefly, but no transcript filed by the notarial officer shall include argument or debate. Objections to questions or evidence shall be noted by the notarial officer upon the deposition, but he shall not have the power to decide on the competency, materiality, or relevancy of evidence. Objections to the competency, relevancy, or materiality of the testimony are not waived by failure to make them before or during the taking of the deposition.
- (b) Subpoena relevant witnesses and documents.
- (c) Seek any limitation or protection for any discovery permitted by this rule.
- C. Nothing in these rules shall be construed to require the discovery of any report made to the Commission by Special Counsel or other person conducting an investigation for the Commission. Furthermore, in granting discovery the Commission shall protect against disclosure of the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal theories of an attorney or other representative of a witness or party in these proceedings.
- D. Other issues relative to discovery which are not covered in these rules shall be addressed or resolved in accordance with the comparable provisions of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure.

### **RULE 10. FORMAL HEARING**

- A. The formal hearing shall be conducted before the Hearing Officer appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court.
- B. The hearing shall be open to the public. The rules of evidence applicable to civil proceedings in Massachusetts shall apply, and all testimony shall be under oath. Commission attorneys, or Special Counsel retained for the purpose, shall present the case. The judge whose conduct is in question shall be permitted to adduce evidence and produce and cross-examine witnesses. The Commission shall have the burden of proving the charges by clear and convincing evidence. Every hearing shall be transcribed.
- C. The formal charges may be amended after commencement of the public hearing only if the amendment is technical in nature and if the judge and his counsel are given adequate time to prepare a response.

### **RULE 11. POST-HEARING PROCEDURE**

- A. Within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall submit to the Commission and to the judge a report which shall contain proposed findings and recommendations, the transcripts of testimony, and all exhibits.
- B. Upon receipt of the report of the Hearing Officer, the Commission shall send a copy of the report to the complainant forthwith.
- C. Within twenty (20) days after receipt of such report, counsel for the judge and for the Commission shall each be allowed to submit to the Commission written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations. Any such objections shall become part of the record.
- D. Within the same twenty (20) day period the judge and the complainant, if any, may file a written request to be heard before the Commission regarding its recommendation for discipline.
- E. If either participant does so request, notice shall be given to both as to the scheduled time and place for such hearing, at least seven (7)

days in advance. Such hearing shall be public, but Commission deliberations regarding such recommendation shall be conducted in executive session.

F. Unless there is good cause for delay, the Commission shall reach a decision on the basis of the full record within ninety (90) days after the hearing concerning recommendation for discipline, if there is such a hearing, or otherwise within ninety (90) days after receipt of the Hearing Officer's report. Its conclusions may differ from those proposed by the Hearing Officer. Its decision shall state specific reasons for all conclusions and recommendations.

### RULE 12. CASES INVOLVING ALLEGATIONS OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY

In considering allegations of mental or physical disability, the Commission shall, insofar as applicable and except as provided below pursuant to Chapter 211C, section 10, follow procedures established by these rules.

- A. If in a matter relating to mental or physical disability the judge is not represented by counsel, the Commission shall appoint an attorney to represent him at public expense.
- B. If a complaint or statement of allegations involves the mental or physical health of a judge, a denial of the alleged disability or condition shall constitute a waiver of medical privilege and the judge shall be required to produce his medical records.
- C. In the event of a waiver of medical privilege, the judge shall be deemed to have consented to an examination by a qualified medical practitioner designated by the Commission. The report of the medical practitioner shall be furnished to the Commission and the judge.

### RULE 13. DIRECT SUBMISSION TO THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

At any stage of a proceeding the Commission may, with the agreement of the judge, elect one

of the following methods for direct submission to the Supreme Judicial Court.

### A. Final Submission Upon Agreed Facts.

- (1) The Commission and the judge will prepare and sign an Agreement for Final Submission to the Supreme Judicial Court Upon Agreed Facts. The Agreement will contain:
- (a) A waiver by the judge of the right to a formal hearing.
- (b) A stipulation by the judge to facts sufficient, in the judgment of the Commission, to establish judicial misconduct.
- (c) A statement of the section(s) of the Code of Judicial Conduct which the Commission alleges, and the judge agrees, the judge has violated.
- (d) Statements by the Commission and by the judge of their joint or disparate recommendations for discipline by the Supreme Judicial Court.
- (e) Agreement by the Commission and the judge that the Supreme Judicial Court may accept or reject the recommendations of the Commission or the judge or may impose whatever discipline it deems appropriate.
- (f) Acknowledgment by the Commission and the judge that the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court will constitute the final disposition of the case.
- (g) A waiver by the judge of any confidentiality rights that would preclude submission of the matter to, or disclosure of the matter by, the Supreme Judicial Court, including the items to be submitted as specified herein, and the Supreme Judicial Court's disposition of the case.
- (2) The Commission will submit to the Supreme Judicial Court under seal:
- (a) The Agreement for Final Submission Upon Agreed Facts.
- (b)A copy of the complaint, statement of allegations and formal charges, if any, and all responses.
- (c) Any other information agreed to by the parties.

(3) The Supreme Judicial Court may accept or reject the recommendation of either the Commission or the judge or may impose whatever discipline it deems appropriate.

### B. Conditional Submission Upon Acknowledged Evidence.

- (1) The Commission and the judge will prepare and sign an Agreement for Conditional Submission to the Supreme Judicial Court Upon Acknowledged Evidence. The Agreement will contain:
- (a) A waiver by the judge of the right to a formal hearing.
- (b) A Statement of Evidence which in the Commission's view provides a basis for a finding of misconduct. The Statement of Evidence will identify the section(s) of the Code of Judicial Conduct which the Commission alleges the judge to have violated.
- (c) An acknowledgment by the judge that the evidence set forth in the Statement of Evidence, if presented to and accepted by a Hearing Officer at a formal hearing as clear and convincing, would support a finding of such misconduct.
- (d) A recommendation to the Supreme Judicial Court, agreed to by both the Commission and the judge regarding appropriate discipline.
- (e) Agreement by the Commission and the judge that (i) if the Supreme Judicial Court accepts their agreed recommendation for discipline, the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court will constitute the final disposition of the case; and (ii) if the Supreme Judicial Court does not accept their agreed recommendation, the Commission will proceed to consider and dispose of the complaint in accordance with these Rules, which disposition may include issuance of formal charges.
- (f) A waiver by the judge of any confidentiality rights that would preclude submission of the matter to the Supreme Judicial Court, including the items to be submitted as specified herein.
- (g) Agreement by the Commission and the judge that the submission will be made on

- condition that it be impounded by the Supreme Judicial Court.
- (2) The Commission will submit to the Supreme Judicial Court:
- (a) The Agreement for Conditional Submission Upon Acknowledged Evidence.
- (b) A copy of the complaint, statement of allegations and formal charges, if any, and all responses.
- (c) Any other information agreed to by the parties.
- (3) The Supreme Judicial Court may accept or reject the recommended discipline agreed to by the Commission and the judge but may not at this stage impose other discipline.
- C. The Supreme Judicial Court may request additional information from the parties or schedule oral argument before acting on a final or conditional submission.
- D. If the Commission and the judge fail to agree upon an Agreement for Final or Conditional Submission to the Supreme Judicial Court under either 13.A. or 13.B. above, the Commission will proceed to consider and dispose of the complaint in accordance with these Rules, which disposition may include issuance of formal charges.

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### APPENDIX C

### Code of Judicial Conduct (Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:09)

(effective October 1, 2003)

### **PREAMBLE**

Our legal system is based on the principle that an independent, fair and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us. The role of the judiciary is central to American concepts of justice and the rule of law. Intrinsic to all sections of this Code are the precepts that judges, individually and collectively, must respect and honor the judicial office as a public trust and strive to enhance and maintain confidence in our legal system. The judge is an arbiter of facts and law for the resolution of disputes and a highly visible symbol of government under the rule of law.

The Code of Judicial Conduct is intended to establish standards for ethical conduct of judges. It consists of broad statements called Canons, specific rules set forth in Sections under each Canon, a Terminology Section, and Commentary. The text of the Canons and the Sections, including the Terminology Section, is authoritative, that is, it is intended to impose binding obligations the violation of which can result in disciplinary action. The Commentary, by explanation and example, provides interpretive guidance with respect to the obligations of the Canons and Sections. At times the Commentary also offers aspirational goals.

When the text of the Canons, Sections, or Commentary uses "shall" or "shall not," it is intended to be authoritative. When "should" or "should not" is used (in Commentary) the text is intended as hortatory and as a statement of what is or is not appropriate conduct but not as a binding rule under which a judge may be disciplined. When "may" is used, it denotes permissible discretion or, depending on the context, it refers to action that is not covered by specific proscriptions.

The Code must be read as a whole. Judges must be alert to the possibility that more than one Canon or Section may apply to a particular situation. As an example, before concluding that an action appears to be permitted by one of the more detailed provisions of the Code, the judge should consider whether, in the circumstances, the action is improper when measured against a more general provision, for instance, Section 2A. Occasionally a provision of the Code is explicitly stated as being "subject to the requirements of this Code," or similar language. The absence of language to that effect elsewhere should not lull the judge into indifference to the rest of the Code when the judge focuses on a particular provision; every provision is subject to every other provision.

The Canons and Sections are rules of reason. Some conduct that may literally violate a provision of this Code will be permissible because it does not violate the policy behind the prohibition or is de minimis. In addition, not every violation of the Code should result in disciplinary action. Whether disciplinary action is appropriate, and, if it is, what degree of discipline should be imposed, should be determined through a reasonable application of the text and should depend on such factors as the seriousness of the violation, the existence (or not) of a pattern of improper activity, and the effect of the improper activity on others, on the public perception of others, or on the judicial system.

The Code is not intended as an exhaustive guide for the conduct of judges. For example, judges' conduct is also governed by constitutional requirements, statutes, court rules, and decisional law. The Code is to be construed so as not to impinge on the essential independence of judges in making judicial decisions. The Code is intended to state basic standards which govern the conduct of all judges and to assist judges in establishing and maintaining high standards of judicial and personal conduct.

### **TERMINOLOGY**

Terms explained below are noted with an asterisk (\*) in the Sections where they appear. In addition, the Sections where the terms appear are referred to after the explanation of each term below. Terms are not asterisked in Commentary or in this Terminology Section.

- "Court personnel" does not include the lawyers in a proceeding before a judge. See Sections 3B(4), 3B(5), 3B(7)(c), 3B(7)(c)(i), 3B(9), 3C(1), and 3C(2).
- "**De minimis**" denotes an insignificant interest and therefore one that does not raise a reasonable question as to a judge's impartiality. See Sections 3E(1)(f), (g) and (h).
- "Economic interest" denotes ownership of a more than de minimis legal or equitable interest, except that:
- (i) ownership in a mutual or common investment fund that holds securities is not an "economic interest" in such securities unless the judge participates in the management of the fund; a judge is not required to inquire as to the identity of the securities held by the fund.
- (ii) service by a judge as an officer, director, advisor or other active participant in an educational, religious, charitable, fraternal or civic organization, or service by a judge's spouse or child wherever residing, or by any other member of the judge's family residing in the judge's household, as an officer, director, advisor or other active participant in any organization does not create an "economic interest" in securities held by that organization;
- (iii) a deposit in a financial institution, the proprietary interest of a policy holder in a mutual insurance company, of a depositor in a mutual savings association, or of a member of a credit union, or a similar proprietary interest, is not an "economic interest" in the organization unless a proceeding pending or impending before the judge could substantially affect the value of the interest;
- (iv) ownership of government securities is not an "economic interest" in the issuer unless a proceeding pending or impending before the judge could substantially affect the value of the securities. See Sections 3E(1)(f) and (g).
- "Ex parte communication" denotes a communication, which occurs without notice to or participation by all other parties or lawyers for all other parties to the proceeding, between a judge (or by court staff on behalf of a judge) and (i) a party or a party's lawyer or (ii) another person who is not a participant in the proceeding. See Sections 3B(7), 3B(7)(a), 3B(7)(a) (i) and (ii) and 3B(7)(e).

- "**Fiduciary**" denotes an executor, administrator, trustee, guardian and other similar positions. See Sections 3E(1)(f), 4E, 4E(2), and 4E(3).
- "Knowingly," "knowledge," "known" or "knows" denote actual knowledge of the fact in question. That a person has actual knowledge may be inferred from circumstances. See Sections 3B(7)(c)(iv), 3B(11), 3D(1), 3D(2), 3E(1)(d),(e),(f),(g) and (h).
- "Law" denotes court rules as well as statutes, constitutional provisions, and decisional law. See Sections 2A, 3A, 3B(2), 3B(7), 3B(7) (b), 3B(7)(e), 3B(11), 4C(1), 4C(2), 4C(3), 4C(3)(b)(ii), 4D(5)(a), 4H(2), 4I, and 5A(3).
- "Member of the judge's family residing in the judge's household" denotes any relative of a judge by blood, adoption, or marriage, a domestic partner, or a person with whom the judge maintains a close familial relationship, who resides in the judge's household. See Sections 3E(1)(g), 4D(5), and 4D(5)(b).
- "Political organization" denotes a political party or other group, the principal purpose of which is to further the election or appointment of candidates to political office or passage of ballot questions. See Sections 5A(1) (a), (b), and (c).
- "Relationship interest" denotes a relationship as an officer, director, advisor, or other active participant in the affairs of a party that has more than a de minimis legal or equitable interest. See Sections 3E(1)(f) and (g).
- "Require." The rules prescribing that a judge "require" certain conduct of others are, like all of the rules in this Code, rules of reason. The use of the term "require" in that context means a judge is to exercise reasonable direction and control over the conduct of those persons subject to the judge's direction and control. See Sections 3B(4), 3B(5), 3B(6), 3B(9) and 3C(2).
- "Third degree of relationship." The following persons are relatives within the third degree of relationship: great-grandparent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, child, grandchild, great-grandchild, nephew, or niece. See Section 3E(1)(h).

# CANON 1 A JUDGE SHALL UPHOLD THE INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY

1A. An independent and honorable judiciary is indispensable to justice in our society. A judge shall participate in establishing, maintaining, and enforcing high standards of conduct and shall personally observe those standards, so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary will be preserved. The provisions of this Code are to be construed and applied to further that objective.

### **Commentary:**

Deference to the judgments and rulings of courts depends upon public confidence in the integrity and independence of judges. The integrity and independence of judges depend in turn upon their acting without fear or favor. Although judges should be independent, they must comply with the law, including the provisions of this Code. Public confidence in the impartiality of the judiciary is maintained by the adherence of each judge to this responsibility. Conversely, violation of this Code diminishes public confidence in the judiciary and thereby does injury to the system of government under law.

A judicial decision or action determined by an appellate court to be incorrect either as a matter of law or as an abuse of discretion is not a violation of this Code unless the decision or action is committed knowingly and in bad faith.

# CANON 2 A JUDGE SHALL AVOID IMPROPRIETY AND THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY IN ALL OF THE JUDGE'S ACTIVITIES

2A. A judge shall respect and comply with the law\* and shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.

2B. A judge shall not allow family, social, political, or other relationships to influence the judge's judicial conduct or judgment. A judge shall not lend the prestige of judicial office to advance the private interests of the judge or others; nor shall a judge convey or permit others to convey the impression that they are in a special position to influence the judge. A judge shall not testify voluntarily as a character witness in an adjudicatory proceeding.

2C. A judge shall not hold membership in any organization that practices invidious discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. As long as membership does not violate any other provision of this Code, nothing in this Section bars membership in any official United States military organization, in any religious organization, or in any organization that is in fact and effect an intimate, purely private organization.

### **Commentary:**

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Section 2A: Public confidence in the judiciary is eroded by irresponsible or improper conduct by judges. A judge must avoid all impropriety and appearance of impropriety. A judge must expect to be the subject of constant public scrutiny. A judge must therefore accept restrictions on the judge's conduct that might be viewed as burdensome by the ordinary citizen.

The prohibition against behaving with impropriety or the appearance of impropriety applies to both the professional and personal conduct of a judge. Because it is not practicable to list all prohibited acts, the proscription is necessarily cast in general terms that extend to conduct by judges that is harmful although not specifically mentioned in the Code. The test for imposition of sanction for violation of this Canon is whether the conduct would create in reasonable minds a perception that the judge's ability to carry out judicial responsibilities with integrity, impartiality and competence is impaired.

Section 2B: Maintaining the prestige of judicial office is essential to a system of government in which the judiciary functions independently of the executive and legislative branches. Respect for the judicial office facilitates the orderly conduct of legitimate judicial functions. Judges should distinguish between proper and improper use of the prestige of office in all of their activities. For example, it would be improper for a judge to allude to his or her judgeship to gain a personal advantage such as deferential treatment when stopped by a police officer for a traffic offense. Similarly, judicial letterhead and the judicial title must not be used in conducting a judge's personal business.

A judge must avoid lending the prestige of judicial office for the advancement of the private interests of the judge or of others. For example, a judge must not use the judge's judicial position to gain advantage in a civil suit involving a member of the judge's family. In contracts for publication of a judge's writing, a judge should retain control over the advertising to avoid exploitation of the judge's office. As to the acceptance of awards, see Section 4D(5)(a) and Commentary.

A judge should be careful to avoid developing excessively close relationships with frequent litigants – such as municipal attorneys, police prosecutors, assistant district attorneys, and public defenders – in any court where the judge often sits, if such relationships could reasonably tend to create either an appearance of partiality or the likely need for later disqualification under Section 3E(1)

Although a judge should be sensitive to possible abuse of the prestige of office, a judge may, based on the judge's personal knowledge, serve as a reference or provide a letter of recommendation. A recommendation, written or otherwise, should not be made if the person who is the subject of the letter is or is likely to be a litigant in a contested proceeding before the judge's court.

Judges may participate in the process of judicial selection by cooperating with appointing

authorities and screening committees seeking names for consideration, by responding to official inquiries concerning a person being considered for a judgeship, and by providing letters of recommendation and testimony, whether solicited or not, for judicial nominees. See also Canon 5 regarding use of a judge's name in political activities.

A judge must not testify voluntarily as a character witness in an adjudicatory proceeding because to do so may lend the prestige of the judicial office in support of the party for whom the judge testifies. Moreover, when a judge testifies as a witness, a lawyer who regularly appears before the judge may be placed in the awkward position of cross-examining the judge. A judge may, however, testify when properly summoned. Except in circumstances where the demands of justice require, a judge should discourage a party from requiring the judge to testify as a character witness. Adjudicatory proceedings include not only proceedings before courts but also before administrative agencies, including disciplinary bodies.

Section 2C: Membership of a judge in an organization that practices invidious discrimination gives rise to perceptions that the judge's impartiality is impaired. Section 2C refers to the current practices of the organization. Whether an organization practices invidious discrimination is often a complex question to which judges must be sensitive. The answer cannot be determined from a mere examination of an organization's current membership rolls but rather depends on how the organization selects members and other relevant factors, such as whether the organization is dedicated to the preservation of religious, ethnic or cultural values of legitimate common interest to its members that do not stigmatize any excluded persons as inferior and therefore unworthy of membership.

Absent such factors, an organization is generally said to discriminate invidiously if it arbitrarily excludes from its membership or activities on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity or sexual orientation,

persons who would otherwise be admitted to its membership or activities. The purpose of Section 2C is to prohibit judges from joining organizations practicing invidious discrimination, whether or not their membership practices are constitutionally protected.

Although Section 2C relates only to membership, it would be a violation of Canon 2 and Section 2A for a judge to arrange a meeting at a club that the judge knows or should know practices invidious discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity or sexual orientation in its membership or other policies, or for the judge regularly to use such a club. Moreover, public communication by a judge approving of invidious discrimination referred to in Section 2C gives the appearance of impropriety under Canon 2 and diminishes public confidence in the integrity of the judiciary, in violation of Section 2A.

# CANON 3 A JUDGE SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF JUDICIAL OFFICE IMPARTIALLY AND DILIGENTLY

3A. The judicial duties of a judge take precedence over all the judge's other activities. The judge's judicial duties include all the duties of the judge's office prescribed by law.\* In the performance of these duties, the following standards apply.

### 3B. Adjudicative Responsibilities

- (1) A judge shall hear and decide matters assigned to the judge except those in which the judge is disqualified.
- (2) A judge shall be faithful to the law\* and maintain professional competence in it. A judge shall not be swayed by partisan interests, public clamor, or fear of criticism.
- (3) A judge shall maintain order and decorum in proceedings before the judge.
- (4) A judge shall be patient and courteous to litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers, and

others with whom the judge deals in an official capacity, and shall require\* similar conduct of court personnel\* and others.

- (5) A judge shall perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice. A judge shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by words or conduct, manifest bias or prejudice, including but not limited to bias or prejudice based upon race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status, and shall require\* court personnel\*and others not to do so.
- (6) A judge shall require\* lawyers in proceedings before the judge to refrain from manifesting, by words or conduct, bias or prejudice based upon race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status, against parties, witnesses, counsel, or others.
- (7) A judge shall accord to every person who has a legal interest in a proceeding, or that person's lawyer, the right to be heard according to law\*. A judge shall not initiate, permit, or consider any ex parte communication\* concerning a pending or impending proceeding, except that:
- (a) Where circumstances require, an ex parte communication\* is authorized when it does not deal with substantive matters and is for scheduling or administrative purposes or emergencies provided:
- (i) the judge reasonably believes that no party will gain a procedural or tactical advantage as a result of the ex parte communication\*, and
- (ii) the judge makes provision promptly to notify all other parties of the substance of the ex parte communication\* and allows them an opportunity to respond.
  - (b) [reserved]

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(c) A judge may consult with court personnel\* whose function is to aid the judge in carrying out the judge's adjudicative responsibilities, or with other judges, subject to the following:

- (i) a judge shall take all reasonable steps to avoid receiving from court personnel\* or other judges factual information concerning a case that is not part of the case record. If court personnel\* or another judge nevertheless bring non-record information about a case to the judge's attention, the judge may not base a decision on it without giving the parties notice of that information and a reasonable opportunity to respond. Consultation is permitted between a judge, clerk-magistrate or other appropriate court personnel and a judge taking over the same case or session in which the case is pending with regard to information learned from prior proceedings in the case that may assist in maintaining continuity in handling the case;
- (ii) when a judge consults with a probation officer about a party in a pending or impending criminal or juvenile case, the consultation shall take place in the presence of the parties who have availed themselves of the opportunity to appear and respond;
- (iii) a judge shall not consult with an appellate judge, or a judge in a different trial court department, about a case that the judge being consulted might review on appeal; and
- (iv) no judge shall consult with another judge about a case pending before one of them when the judge initiating the consultation knows\* the other judge has a financial, personal or other interest which would preclude the other judge from hearing the case, and no judge shall engage in such a consultation when the judge knows\* he or she has such an interest.
- (d) A judge may, with the consent of the parties, confer separately with the parties and their lawyers in an effort to mediate or settle civil matters pending before the judge.
- (e) A judge may initiate, permit, or consider any ex parte communication\* when authorized by law\* to do so.
- (8) A judge shall dispose of all judicial matters promptly, efficiently, and fairly.

- (9) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a judge shall abstain from public comment about a pending or impending Massachusetts proceeding in any court, and shall require\* similar abstention on the part of court personnel\*.
- (a) A judge is permitted to make public statements in the course of his or her official duties or to explain for public information the procedures of the court, general legal principles, or what may be learned from the public record in a case.
- (b) This Section does not prohibit judges from discussing, in legal education programs and materials, cases and issues pending in appellate courts. This education exemption does not apply, however, to comments or discussions that might interfere with a fair hearing of the case.
- (c) This Section does not apply to proceedings in which the judge is a litigant in a personal capacity.
- (10) A judge shall not commend or criticize jurors for their verdict other than in a court order or opinion in a proceeding, but may express appreciation to jurors for their service to the judicial system and the community.
- (11) A judge shall not disclose or use, for any purpose unrelated to judicial duties, information acquired in a judicial capacity that by law\* is not available to the public. When a judge, in a judicial capacity, acquires information, including material contained in the public record that is not yet generally known\*, the judge must not use the information in financial dealings for private gain. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3B(9), a judge shall not disclose or use, for any purpose unrelated to judicial duties, information that, although part of the public record, is not yet generally known\*, if such information would be expected unnecessarily to embarrass or otherwise harm any person participating or mentioned in court proceedings.

### 3C. Administrative Responsibilities

- (1) A judge shall diligently discharge the judge's administrative responsibilities without bias or prejudice, maintain professional competence in judicial administration, and cooperate with other judges and court personnel\*.
- (2) A judge shall require\* court personnel\*, including personnel who are directly involved in courtroom proceedings over which the judge presides, to observe the standards of fidelity and diligence that apply to the judge.
- (3) A judge with supervisory authority for the judicial performance of other judges shall take reasonable measures to assure the prompt disposition of matters before them and the proper performance of their other judicial responsibilities.
- (4) A judge shall not make unnecessary appointments of counsel and staff. The judge shall exercise the power of appointment only on the basis of merit, avoiding appointments based on nepotism or personal or political favoritism. The judge shall not approve compensation of appointees beyond the fair value of service rendered.

### 3D. Disciplinary Responsibilities

- (1) A judge having knowledge\* of facts indicating a substantial likelihood that another judge has committed a violation of the Code that raises a significant question about that judge's honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, or fitness for judicial office shall inform the Chief Justice of this court and of that judge's court. A judge having knowledge\* of facts indicating a substantial likelihood that another judge has committed a violation of the Code that does not raise a significant question of that judge's honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, or fitness for judicial office shall take appropriate action.
- (2) A judge having knowledge\* of facts indicating a substantial likelihood that a lawyer has committed a violation of the

Rules of Professional Conduct that raises a significant question as to that lawyer's honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer shall inform the Bar Counsel's office of the Board of Bar Overseers.

### (3) [reserved]

### 3E. Disqualification.

- (1) A judge shall disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, including but not limited to instances where:
- (a) the judge has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party or a party's lawyer;
- (b) the judge served as a lawyer in the matter in controversy;
- (c) a lawyer with whom the judge previously practiced law served during such association as a lawyer concerning the matter in controversy;
- (d) the judge has been, or is to the judge's knowledge\* likely to be, a material witness concerning the matter in controversy;
- (e) the judge has personal knowledge\* of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the matter in controversy;
- (f) the judge is a party to the proceeding or an officer, director, or trustee of a party or the judge knows\*, or reasonably should know\*, that he or she, individually or as a fiduciary\*, has (i) an economic interest\* in the subject matter in controversy or in a party to the proceeding, which interest could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding, (ii) a relationship interest\* to a party to the proceeding where the party could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding or (iii) any other more than de minimis\* interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding;
- (g) the judge knows\*, or reasonably should know\*, that the judge's spouse or child wherever residing, or any other member of the judge's family residing in the judge's household,\* has (i) an economic interest\* in the subject matter in controversy or in a party

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to the proceeding, which interest could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding, (ii) a relationship interest\* to a party to the proceeding where the party could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding or (iii) any other more than de minimis\* interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding; or

(h) the judge's spouse or domestic partner, as well as a person within the third degree of relationship\* to the judge, the judge's spouse, or the judge's domestic partner, or a spouse or domestic partner of such other person, (i) is a party to the proceeding or an officer, director, or trustee of a party, (ii) is acting as a lawyer in the proceeding, (iii) is known\* by the judge to have any more than de minimis\* interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding, or (iv) is to the judge's knowledge\* likely to be a material witness in the proceeding.

### (2) [reserved]

### 3F. Remittal of Disqualification.

- (1) A judge disqualified by the terms of Section 3E may, instead of withdrawing from the proceeding, disclose on the record the basis of the judge's disqualification and ask the parties and their lawyers to consider, out of the presence of the judge, whether to waive disqualification. If, following disclosure of any basis for disqualification other than for cases in which remittal is not available, the parties and lawyers, without participation of the judge, all agree that the judge should not be disqualified, the judge may participate in the proceeding. The judge shall permit an opportunity for the attorneys to consult with their clients regarding this issue. The agreement shall be incorporated in the record of the proceeding.
- (2) Remittal is not available in cases in which the judge is disqualified under Sections 3E(1)(a), (b), or (d).

### **Commentary:**

Section 3B(1): The obligation to hear and decide all assigned matters should not be construed to preclude a judge from requesting not to be assigned to a particular case or class of cases because of strongly held personal or moral beliefs.

Section 3B(4): The duty to conduct proceedings fairly and with patience is not inconsistent with the duty to dispose promptly of the business of the court. Judges can be efficient and businesslike while being patient and deliberate

Section 3B(5): A judge must refrain from speech, gestures, or other conduct that could reasonably be perceived as evidencing bias or prejudice and must require the same standard of conduct of others subject to the judge's direction and control, including those who are directly involved in courtroom proceedings.

A judge must perform judicial duties impartially and fairly. A judge who manifests any bias or prejudice in a proceeding impairs the fairness of the proceeding and brings the judiciary into disrepute. Facial expression and body language, in addition to oral communications, can give to parties or lawyers in the proceeding, jurors, the media, and others an appearance of judicial bias. A judge must be alert to avoid behavior that may be perceived as biased or prejudicial.

Section 3B(6): This section does not preclude legitimate advocacy when race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status are issues in the proceeding.

Section 3B(7): Section 3B(7) proscribes ex parte communications concerning a proceeding except to the limited extent permitted in Section 3B(7)(a) through (e).

Whenever the presence of a party or notice to a party is required by Section 3B(7), it is the party's lawyer, or if the party is unrepresented,

the party, who is to be present or to whom notice is to be given.

A judge must make reasonable efforts, including the provision of appropriate supervision, to ensure that the general prohibition against ex parte communications is not violated through law clerks and other court personnel.

Section 3B(7)(c): Section 3B(7)(c)authorizes consultation between a judge and court personnel whose job entails or includes assisting the judge in performing the judge's adjudicative responsibilities, for example clerk magistrates and their assistants, registers of probate and their assistants, and law clerks. A judge may discuss the facts of a pending or impending proceeding with such court personnel, but in view of the judge's obligation to decide a case only on the evidence presented, the judge's factual discussion may be based only on information in the case record. Accordingly, a judge may not solicit nonrecord factual information from court personnel about a case and must take reasonable steps to avoid receiving unsolicited non-record factual information from them. If, despite such efforts, the judge receives non-record factual information about a pending or impending case from court personnel (or indeed from any source), the judge may not base any decision in the case in whole or in part on that information unless the judge first gives the parties notice and an opportunity to respond.

Probation officers, like clerk magistrates, registers and their assistants, are court personnel who assist the judge in performing the judge's adjudicative responsibilities. However, probation officers often work independently of the judge, since one of their most significant responsibilities is the community supervision of persons sentenced to probation by the court. From their work in the community, probation officers regularly obtain or receive factual information that is not part of a case record but that may have a direct bearing on a particular party in a case. In light of this fact, Section 3B(7)(c)(ii) provides that any consultation between a judge and a probation officer about a party in a specific criminal or

juvenile case take place in the presence of the parties (or their counsel) who have availed themselves of the opportunity to attend, so that there is an opportunity to hear and respond to any information being conveyed by the probation officer. However, a judge may discuss with a probation officer ex parte the specifics of various available programs as long as there is no discussion about the suitability of the program for a particular party.

Section 3B(7)(c) permits a judge to consult with other judges, subject to the limitations set forth there. This is so whether or not the judges serve on the same court. A judge may not consult about a case with an appellate judge who might be called upon to review that case on appeal. The same holds true with respect to those instances in which a judge in one department of the trial court may be called upon to review a case decided by a judge in a different department; a criminal case in which the defendant seeks a review by a judge in the Superior Court of the bail determination made by a judge in the District Court is an example. The appellate divisions of the Boston Municipal Court and of the District Court present a special situation. The judges who sit as members of these appellate divisions review on appeal cases decided by judges who serve in the same court department. However, the designation of judges to sit on the appellate divisions changes quite frequently; every judge on the Boston Municipal Court will, and every judge on the District Court may, serve for some time as a member of that court's appellate division. In recognition of this fact, Section 3B(7)(c)(iii) does not bar judges in the same court department from consulting with each other about a case, despite the possibility that one of the judges may later review the case on appeal. However, when a judge is serving on an appellate division, the judge may not review any case that the judge has previously discussed with the judge who decided it; recusal is required.

Consultation between or among judges, if otherwise permitted under Section 3B(7)(c), is appropriate only if the judge before whom the case is pending does not abrogate the responsibility personally to decide it.

Section 3B(7)(d): Section 3B(7)(d) implicitly acknowledges the public policy that favors the settlement of civil cases and the understanding that a judge can play an important role in the settlement process. In settlement discussions, a judge may, with the prior consent of all parties, meet with parties and their counsel separately. The judge must inform all parties of any such meetings, but need not disclose what was discussed.

Section 3B(7)(e): Section 3B(7)(e) refers to an ex parte communication authorized by law. Examples include: the issuance of a temporary restraining order in certain circumstances, see, e.g., G. L. c. 209A, § 4; Mass. R. Civ. P. 65(a); the issuance of a prejudgment attachment or trustee process, see Mass. R. Civ. P. 4.1(f), 4.2(g); the determination of fees and expenses for indigent persons, see G. L. c 261, §§ 27A - 27 G; the issuance of temporary orders related to child custody or vacation of the marital home where conditions warrant, see G. L. c. 208, §§ 28A, 34B; and an ex parte communication authorized or required under the Rules of Professional Conduct (S.J.C. Rule 3:07).

Section 3B(8): In disposing of matters promptly, efficiently, and fairly, a judge must give due regard to the rights of the parties to be heard and to have issues resolved without unnecessary cost or delay. When a judge encourages and seeks to facilitate settlement, the judge should not coerce the parties into surrendering the right to have their controversy resolved by the courts.

Prompt disposition of the court's business requires a judge to devote adequate time to judicial duties, to be punctual in attending court and expeditious in determining matters under submission, and to insist that court personnel and litigants and their lawyers cooperate with the judge to that end.

Section 3B(9): The requirement that a judge abstain from public comment regarding a pending proceeding continues during any appellate process and until final disposition. A case is impending for purposes of this section

if it seems probable that a case will be filed, if charges are being investigated, or if someone has been arrested although not yet charged.

"Any court" for purposes of this section means any state or federal court within the United States or its territories.

A judge may, consistent with this section, make public statements about a pending or impending case in the course of his or her official duties. "In the course of his or her official duties" includes statements made in the courtroom and on the public record as well as those statements made by a judge in the performance of his or her administrative duties.

A judge may, consistent with this section, explain what may be learned from the public record in a case, including pleadings, documentary evidence, and the tape recording or stenographic record of proceedings held in open court. The judge may not discuss the rationale for a decision, however, unless the judge is repeating what was already made part of the public record. Speaking to a journalist is public comment even where it is agreed that the statements are "off the record." See also Section 3B(11).

Section 3B(10): Commending or criticizing jurors for their verdict may imply a judicial expectation in future cases and may impair a juror's ability to be fair and impartial in a subsequent case. Commendations or criticisms of verdicts may also call into question the judge's ability to rule impartially on any post-trial motions, or on remand, in the same case.

Section 3B(11): Information that by law is not available to the public includes but is not limited to information that is sealed by statute, court rule, or court order, all of which is absolutely non-disclosable for any purpose unrelated to judicial duties.

Among the factors to be considered in determining whether the information "contained in the public record that is not generally known" would be expected unnecessarily to embarrass or otherwise harm a person are whether there is

a valid public purpose for disclosure or whether the disclosure is idle chatter or gossip.

There are other rules (for example, Section 2A), that relate to the subject matter of this rule.

Section 3C(4): Appointments made by the judge include, but are not limited to, counsel, persons such as guardians ad litem and special masters, and court personnel subject to appointment by the judge. See S.J.C. Rule 1:07 regarding fee generating appointments and the maintenance of appointment dockets.

Section 3D: This Section requires judges to report conduct indicating a substantial likelihood of a serious violation of professional conduct by judges or lawyers together with the factual basis for this conclusion. Even an apparently isolated violation may indicate a pattern of misconduct that only a disciplinary investigation can uncover. The word "significant" in the Section refers to the seriousness of the possible offense and not the quantum of evidence of which the judge is aware.

Judges are required by this Section to participate actively in maintaining and preserving the integrity of the judicial system. The rule is necessary because judges make up a significant group that may have information about colleagues' misconduct. For this reason, judges have an opportunity and a special duty to protect the public from the consequences of serious misconduct and the potential harmful results of other violations of the Code.

The following examples are not exhaustive but include misconduct that has been found in particular factual circumstances to raise a significant question about honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, or fitness for judicial office: tampering with or attempting to influence improperly a judicial action of another judge; giving false testimony under oath; tampering with or falsifying court papers to support judicial action; grossly abusing the bail statutes; failing to recuse at a hearing when the judge is engaged in a personal financial venture with lawyers or parties; misusing appointment power to show favoritism;

using court employees during regular work hours for private benefit; engaging in inappropriate political activity, such as attending fundraisers, soliciting money for candidates or causes, and lobbying except on matters concerning the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice; engaging in a pattern of any of the following activities: abuse of alcohol in public, indifference to case law or facts, use of injudicious or abusive language on the bench, or failure to devote full-time to judicial work.

Other Code violations by a judge that are less serious still require appropriate action by the judge who has knowledge of them. Examples include but are not limited to: speaking or being the guest of honor at an organization's fundraising event; serving as a director of a family business; serving as the executor of an estate of a relative or person with whom the judge had no close familial relationship; frequently starting court business late or stopping it early; soliciting advice about pending cases from a friend who is a law professor without disclosure; placing or leaving a bumper sticker for a political candidate on a vehicle the judge regularly drives; frequently delaying making decisions in cases. Appropriate action by a judge who has knowledge of these less serious Code violations may include: speaking to the other judge directly; asking someone else who may be more appropriate to speak to that judge; reporting to the presiding judge of the court where the violation occurred or where that judge often sits; reporting to the Chief Justice of that judge's court; and speaking to Judges Concerned for Judges or calling the judicial hotline maintained by Lawyers Concerned For Lawyers, Inc. This list of actions is illustrative and not meant to be limiting.

While a measure of judgment is required in complying with this Section, a judge must report lawyer misconduct that, if proven and without regard to mitigation, would likely result in an order of suspension or disbarment, including knowingly making false statements of fact or law to a tribunal, suborning perjury, or engaging in misconduct that would constitute a serious crime. A serious crime is any felony,

or a misdemeanor a necessary element of which includes misrepresentation, fraud, deceit, bribery, extortion, misappropriation, theft, or an attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation of another to commit the above crimes. Section 3D(2) does not preclude a judge from reporting a violation of the Massachusetts Rules of Professional Conduct in circumstances where a report is not mandatory. Reporting a violation is especially important where the victim is unlikely to discover the offense. If the lawyer is appearing before the judge, a judge may defer making a report under this Section until the matter has been concluded, but the report should be made as soon as practicable thereafter. However, an immediate report is compelled when a person will likely be injured by a delay in reporting, such as where the judge has knowledge that a lawyer has embezzled client or fiduciary funds and delay may impair the ability to recover the funds.

Section 3E: Under this rule, a judge shall disqualify himself or herself whenever the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, regardless of whether any specific rules in Sections 3E(1) (a) through (h) apply. For example, even though a judge may not be required to disqualify himself or herself because of an economic or relationship interest, the judge may be required to do so on other grounds. A more than de minimis interest, under Sections 3E(1)(f)(iii), (g)(iii), and (h)(iii) may include nonfinancial interests; as an example, support by the judge of an organization advocating a particular position, where the interests of the organization could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding.

If the judge believes there is no real basis for disqualification, a judge may, but is not required to, disclose on the record information that the judge believes the parties or their lawyers might consider relevant to the question of disqualification. See Commentary to Section 3F.

A judge is not necessarily disqualified if a lawyer in a proceeding is affiliated with a legal organization with which the spouse or a relative of the judge is affiliated. Disqualification may be required in appropriate circumstances, including the closeness of the relationship of the relative with the judge, where the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned. Disqualification may also be required where the judge knows that the judge's spouse or relative has an interest in a legal organization and that the organization could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding. See Sections 3(E)(1)(g)(iii) and (h) (iii).

In determining whether an interest could raise a reasonable question as to a judge's impartiality, the judge should consider, among other factors, the dollar value of the interest and whether the interest comprises a substantial portion of the judge's total economic holdings.

In particular circumstances, a judge may need to consider carefully relationships other than those specifically mentioned in Section 3E(1) - for example, a fiancé (or fianceé) or a very close friend - to determine whether disqualification is required.

A lawyer in a government agency does not ordinarily have an association with other lawyers employed by that agency within the meaning of Section 3E(1)(c). A judge formerly employed by a government agency, however, should disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding if the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned because of such association.

By decisional law, the rule of necessity may override the rule of disqualification. For example, a judge might be required to participate in judicial review of a judicial salary statute, or might be the only judge available in a matter requiring immediate judicial action, such as a hearing on probable cause or a temporary restraining order. In the latter case, the judge must disclose on the record the basis for possible disqualification and, unless remittal under Section 3F is available, appropriate, and accomplished, use reasonable efforts to transfer the matter to another judge as soon as possible.

If a judge were in the process of negotiating for employment with a law firm or other entity,

the judge would be disqualified from any matters in which the law firm or other entity appeared, unless remittal under Section 3F is available, appropriate, and accomplished.

Section 3F: A remittal procedure provides the parties an opportunity to proceed without delay if they wish to waive the disqualification. To assure that consideration of the question of remittal is made independently of the judge, a judge must not hear comment on possible remittal unless the lawyers jointly propose remittal after consultation as provided in the Section. A party may act through counsel if counsel represents on the record that the party has been consulted and consents. As a practical matter, a judge may wish to have all parties and their lawyers sign the remittal agreement. There are circumstances when other provisions, such as Section 2A, may override the remittal procedure of Section 3F. An example would be where a judge's close relative has supervisory responsibility over attorneys prosecuting criminal cases in the county where the judge is sitting.

## CANON 4 A JUDGE SHALL SO CONDUCT THE JUDGE'S EXTRAJUDICIAL ACTIVITIES AS TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF CONFLICT WITH JUDICIAL OBLIGATIONS

- 4A. Extrajudicial Activities in General. A judge shall conduct all of the judge's extrajudicial activities so that they do not:
- (1) cast reasonable doubt on the judge's capacity to act impartially as a judge; or
  - (2) [reserved]
- (3) interfere with the proper performance of judicial duties.
- 4B. Avocational Activities. Subject to the requirements of this Code, a judge may speak, write, lecture, and teach concerning legal and nonlegal matters and may participate in legal and nonlegal activities.

- 4C. Governmental, Civic or Charitable Activities.
- (1) A judge shall not appear at a public hearing before, or otherwise consult with, an executive or legislative body or official except on matters concerning the law\*, the legal system, or the administration of justice or except when acting pro se.
- (2) A judge shall not accept appointment to any governmental position, including a governmental committee or commission, that is concerned with matters other than the improvement of the law\*, the legal system, or the administration of justice. A judge may, however, represent a country, state, or locality on ceremonial occasions or in connection with historical, educational, or cultural activities.
- (3) A judge may serve as an officer, director, trustee, or non-legal advisor of an organization or agency devoted to the improvement of the law\*, the legal system, or the administration of justice; or of any educational, religious, charitable, fraternal, or civic organization that is not conducted for profit or for the economic or political advantage of its members, subject to the following limitations and the other requirements of this Code.

#### (a) A judge:

- (i) shall not contribute to, or be a member of, such an organization, except a religious organization, if it is likely that the organization will be engaged frequently in adversary proceedings in the court on which the judge serves; and
- (ii) shall not serve as an officer, director, trustee, or nonlegal advisor of such an organization if it is likely that the organization will be engaged in proceedings that would ordinarily come before the judge or will be engaged frequently in adversary proceedings in any court, state or federal, in the Commonwealth.
- (b) A judge as an officer, director, trustee, non-legal advisor, or member of an

organization described in Section 4C(3) or in any other capacity as to such an organization:

- (i) shall not participate in the management and investment of the organization's funds, shall not assist such an organization in planning fund-raising, and shall not personally participate in the solicitation of funds or other fund-raising activities, except that a judge may solicit funds from other judges over whom the judge does not exercise supervisory or appellate authority;
- (ii) may make recommendations to public and private fundgranting organizations on projects and programs concerning the law\*, the legal system, or the administration of justice;
- (iii) shall not personally participate in membership solicitation if the solicitation might reasonably be perceived as coercive or, except as permitted in Section 4C(3)(b)(i), if the membership solicitation is essentially a fund-raising mechanism;
- (iv) shall not use or permit the use of the prestige of judicial office for fundraising or membership solicitation.
- (4) Subject to the requirements of this Code, a judge may serve as an officer, director, trustee, or non-legal advisor of an organization composed entirely or predominantly of judges that exists to further the educational or professional interests of judges. A judge may assist such an organization in planning fundraising and may participate in the management and investment of the organization's funds, but may not personally participate in the solicitation of funds, except that a judge may solicit funds from other judges over whom the judge does not exercise supervisory or appellate authority.

#### 4D. Financial Activities.

(1) A judge shall refrain from financial and business dealings that tend to reflect adversely on the judge's impartiality, that may interfere with the proper performance of the judge's judicial position, that may reasonably be perceived to exploit the judge's judicial position, or that may involve the judge in frequent transactions or continuing business relationships with those lawyers or other persons likely to come before the court on which the judge serves.

(2) Subject to the requirements of this Code, a judge may hold and manage investments, including real estate, and receive compensation as set forth in Section 4H, but shall not serve, with or without remuneration, as an officer, director, manager, general partner, advisor or employee of any business.

#### (3) [reserved].

- (4) A judge shall manage his or her investments and other financial interests to minimize the number of cases in which disqualification is required or advisable. As soon as the judge can do so without serious financial detriment, the judge shall divest himself or herself of investments and other financial interests that might require frequent disqualification.
- (5) A judge shall not accept, and shall urge members of the judge's family residing in the judge's household\* not to accept, a gift, bequest, favor, or loan from anyone except for:
- (a) a gift incident to public recognition of the judge, provided the value of the gift does not exceed the amount requiring reporting under Section 4D(5)(h) and provided the donor is not an organization whose members comprise or frequently represent the same side in litigation (or is not an individual or individuals so situated); a gift of books, tapes and other resource materials supplied by publishers on a complimentary basis for official use; or an invitation to the judge and the judge's spouse or guest to attend a barrelated function or an activity devoted to the improvement of the law\*, the legal system, or the administration of justice, provided that if the value of the invitation and any food, travel, and lodging associated with the invitation exceeds the amount requiring reporting under Section 4D(5)(h), the value of the invitation

and such associated items shall be reported under Section 4H.

- (b) a gift, award, or benefit incident to the business, profession, or other separate activity of a spouse or other member of the judge's family residing in the judge's household\*, including gifts, awards, and benefits for the use of both the spouse or other family member and the judge (as spouse or family member), provided the gift, award, or benefit could not reasonably be perceived as intended to influence the judge in the performance of judicial duties;
  - (c) ordinary social hospitality;
- (d) a gift from a relative or friend, for a special occasion, such as a wedding, anniversary, or birthday, if the gift is fairly commensurate with the occasion and the relationship;
- (e) a gift, bequest, favor, or loan from a relative or close personal friend whose appearance or interest in a case would require disqualification under Section 3E.
- (f) a loan from a lending institution in its regular course of business on the same terms generally available to persons who are not judges;
- (g) a scholarship or fellowship awarded on the same terms and based on the same criteria applied to other applicants; or
- (h) any other gift, bequest, favor or loan, only if: the donor is not a party or other person who has come or is likely to come or whose interests have come or are likely to come before the judge; and, if its value exceeds \$350.00, the judge reports it in the same manner as the judge reports compensation in Section 4H. However, a gift, bequest, favor, or loan of the type set forth in Sections 4D(5)(a), 4D(5)(b), 4D(5)(f) or 4D(5)(g) that does not meet the requirements set forth there may not be accepted under the authority of this Section 4D(5)(h).
- 4E. Fiduciary\* Activities. A judge shall not serve as an executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, or other fiduciary\*, except for the estate, trust, or person of the judge's spouse, domestic partner, child, grandchild, parent,

- or grandparent, as well as another relative or person with whom the judge maintains a close familial relationship. As such a family fiduciary\* a judge is subject to the following restrictions:
- (1) The judge shall not serve if such service will interfere with the proper performance of judicial duties;
- (2) The judge shall not serve if it is likely that as a fiduciary\* the judge will be engaged in proceedings that would ordinarily come before the judge, or if the estate, trust, or ward becomes involved in adversary proceedings in the court on which the judge serves or one under its appellate jurisdiction.
- (3) While acting as a fiduciary\* a judge is subject to the same restrictions on financial activities that apply to the judge in the judge's personal capacity.
- 4F. Arbitration and Mediation. A judge shall not act as an arbitrator or mediator in a private capacity.
- 4G. Practice of Law. A judge shall not practice law. Notwithstanding this prohibition, a judge may act pro se.
- 4H. Compensation, Reimbursement, and Reporting.
- (1) Compensation and reimbursement. A judge may receive compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the extrajudicial activities not prohibited by this Code, if the source or amount of such payments does not give the appearance of influencing the judge's performance of judicial duties or otherwise give the appearance of impropriety, subject also to the following restrictions:
- (a) Compensation shall not exceed a reasonable amount.
- (b) Expense reimbursement shall be limited to the actual cost of travel, food, and lodging reasonably incurred by the judge and, where appropriate to the occasion, by the

judge's guest. Any payment in excess of such an amount is compensation.

(2) Public reports. A judge shall report on or before April 15 of each year, with respect to the previous calendar year, the date, place, and nature of any activity for which the judge received compensation, the name of the payor, the amount of compensation so received, and such other information as is required by the Supreme Judicial Court or by law\*. Compensation or income of a spouse attributed to the judge by operation of a community property law is not extrajudicial compensation to the judge. The judge's report shall be filed as a public document in the office of the Administrative Assistant to the Supreme Judicial Court (G. L. c. 211, § 3A).

4I. Disclosure of a judge's income, debts, investments, or other assets is required only to the extent provided in this Canon and in Sections 3E and F or as otherwise required by law\*.

#### **Commentary:**

Section A: Complete separation of a judge from extra-judicial activities is neither possible nor wise; a judge should not become isolated from the community in which the judge lives. Nevertheless, such activities must not be undertaken in such a way as to cast reasonable doubt on the impartiality of the judge. Expressions of bias or prejudice by a judge, even outside the judge's judicial activities, may cast reasonable doubt on the judge's capacity to act impartially as a judge. Expressions that may do so include jokes or other remarks, made in a public setting, that demean individuals on the basis of their race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. See Section 2C and accompanying Commentary. Moreover, the appropriateness of undertaking extrajudicial activities or of accepting extrajudicial assignments must be assessed in light of the demands on judicial resources created by crowded dockets and the need to protect the courts

from involvement in extra-judicial matters that may prove to be controversial.

Section B: As a judicial officer and person specially learned in the law, a judge is in a unique position to contribute to the integrity of the legal profession and to the improvement of the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice, including revision of substantive and procedural law and improvement of criminal and juvenile justice. To the extent that time permits, a judge is encouraged to do so, either independently or through a bar association, judicial conference, or other organization dedicated to the improvement of the law. The reference to judges speaking about non-legal subjects and participating in nonlegal activities is added for the sake of completeness to make it clear that ordinarily a judge's social and recreational activities do not raise an issue under the Code

Section 4C(1): See Section 2B regarding the obligation to avoid improper influence.

Section 4C(2): Section 4C(2) prohibits a judge from accepting any governmental position except one relating to the law, legal system, or administration of justice as authorized by Section 4C(3). Judges should not accept governmental appointments that are likely to interfere with their effectiveness and independence. Any permission to accept extrajudicial appointments contained in this Code is subject to applicable restrictions relating to multiple office-holding contained in the Constitution of the Commonwealth. See Part 2, Chapter 6, Article two for restrictions on justices of the Supreme Judicial Court and judges of the Probate and Family Court and Article VIII of the Amendments to the Constitution.

Section 4C(2) does not govern a judge's service in a nongovernmental position. See Section 4C(3) permitting service by a judge with organizations devoted to the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice and with educational, religious, charitable, fraternal, or civic organizations not conducted for profit. For example, service on the board of a public hospital or public education institution,

unless it is a law school, would be prohibited under Section 4C(2), but service on the board of a public law school or any private educational or other institution described in Section 4C(3) would generally be permitted under Section 4C(3).

Section 4C(3): Section 4C(3) does not apply to a judge's service in a governmental position unconnected with the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice; see Section 4C(2). As an illustration of the need to be cognizant of all provisions of the Code, service by a judge on the board of an organization described in Section 4C(3) may be prohibited under Section 2C if the organization practices invidious discrimination or under Section 4A if service on the board otherwise casts doubt on the judge's capacity to act impartially as a judge.

Section 4C(3)(a): The changing nature of some organizations and of their relationship to the law makes it necessary for a judge regularly to reexamine the activities of each organization with which the judge is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, or nonlegal advisor to determine if it is proper for the judge to continue the affiliation. For example, non-profit hospitals are now more frequently in court than in the past. Similarly, the boards of some legal aid organizations now make policy decisions that imply commitment to causes that may come before the courts for adjudication.

A bar association is an organization "devoted to the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice" and therefore qualifies as an organization on which a judge may serve as an officer, director, trustee, or non-legal advisor. That permission, however, is qualified by the requirement in Section 4A that such service not "cast reasonable doubt on the judge's capacity to act impartially as a judge" and that it not "interfere with the proper performance of judicial duties." For example, many bar associations have become active in litigation, filing amicus briefs that take sides on a wide range of controversial issues. The more that a judge takes a leadership role or a role as spokesperson in such an organization, the more likely it is that the restrictions contained in Section 4A would prohibit assuming one of the positions mentioned in Section 4C(3). The same considerations would also hold true with respect to holding office in the other organizations mentioned in Section 4C(3).

Section 4C(3)(b): Solicitation of funds for an organization and solicitation of memberships involve the danger that the person solicited will feel obligated to respond favorably to the solicitor if the solicitor is in a position of influence or control. A judge may solicit membership for or endorse or encourage membership efforts of an organization devoted to the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice or a nonprofit educational, religious, charitable, fraternal or civic organization as long as the solicitation cannot reasonably be perceived as coercive and is not essentially a fund-raising mechanism.

Use of an organization letterhead listing a judge's name for fund-raising or membership solicitation violates Section 4C(3)(b). A judge must also make reasonable efforts to ensure that court personnel and others subject to the judge's direction and control do not solicit funds on the judge's behalf for any purpose, charitable or otherwise.

A judge must not be a speaker or guest of honor at an organization's fund-raising event, but mere attendance at such an event is permissible if otherwise consistent with this Code. A fund-raising event is one where the sponsors' aim is to raise money to support the organization's activities beyond the event itself. A laudatory reference to a judge, not announced in advance, does not make the judge a "guest of honor" for purposes of this rule. (Judges should also consult the testimonial dinner law, G. L. c. 268, § 9A in relevant cases.)

Section 4(C)(4): A judge may also engage in substantial leadership and budget activities with respect to the judge-controlled organizations described in Section 4C(4), but may not engage in personal solicitation of funds except from other judges over whom the judge does not exercise

supervisory or appellate authority. However, the fund-raising activities of judge-controlled organizations must be carried out in a way that does not violate other provisions of this Code, such as Sections 2A and 2B. The names of those who contribute or decline to contribute must not be disclosed publicly or to the judges in the organization, and that policy must be disclosed to those solicited. In some circumstances, fundraising, even if anonymous, might subsequently require recusal of a judge because of the risk of the appearance of impropriety should the fact of a substantial donation by a party or its lawyer become known.

Section 4D(2): For new judges, Section 6B postpones the time for compliance with certain provisions of this Section in some cases.

Participation by a judge in financial and business dealings is subject to the general prohibition in Section 4A against activities that tend to reflect adversely on impartiality or interfere with the proper performance of judicial duties. Such participation is also subject to the general prohibition in Canon 2 against activities involving impropriety or the appearance of impropriety and the prohibition in Section 2B against the misuse of the prestige of judicial office. In addition, a judge must maintain high standards of conduct in all of the judge's activities, as set forth in Canon 1.

Section 4D(5): Because a gift, bequest, favor, or loan to a member of the judge's family residing in the judge's household might be viewed as intended to influence the judge, a judge must inform those family members of the relevant ethical constraints upon the judge in this regard and discourage those family members from violating them. A judge cannot, however, reasonably be expected to know or control all of the financial or business activities of all family members residing in the judge's household.

Section 4D(5)(a): An exception allowed under Sections 4D(5)(a) through 4D(5)(g) is not subject to the qualification and reporting requirements of Section 4D(5)(h), but is otherwise

subject to the requirements of this Code. See in particular Sections 2A, 2B and Section 4A(1).

Examples of organizations which frequently represent the same side in litigation are a bar association comprised of insurance defense attorneys or of plaintiffs' personal injury attorneys. In addition to applying to organizations, the prohibition also applies to a public recognition gift from an individual or individuals who frequently comprise or represent the same side in litigation.

The acceptance of invitations is an area of special sensitivity, and judges are reminded particularly in that context of the interrelation of all the provisions of the Code, particularly Sections 2A, 2B, and 4A(1), and the avoidance of the appearance of impropriety as well as impropriety itself. All the facts relating to the invitation must be examined by the judge, including the identity of the donor, the amount of time to be devoted to bar-related or similar activities at the event, the costs assumed by the invitor, the duration of the function, and its locale. Examples of facts that singly or in combination, could suggest conflict with Sections 2A, 2B, and 4A(1), are a function during tourist season, a lavish function, a function in a popular tourist locale, or a function distant from the Commonwealth. If there is such a conflict, the taint of impropriety or its appearance exists no matter how assiduously the judge would in fact attend to bar or similar activities at the function. The fact that a function is reported under Section 4H does not obviate the examination just described.

Section 4D(5)(c): In accepting ordinary social hospitality from members of the bar, a judge should carefully weigh acceptance of the hospitality to avoid any appearance of bias.

Section 4D(5)(d): A gift to a judge, or to a member of the judge's family living in the judge's household, that is excessive in value raises questions about the judge's impartiality and the integrity of the judicial office and might require disqualification of the judge where

disqualification would not otherwise be required. See, however, Section 4D(5)(e).

Section 4D(5)(e): The reference to a "close personal friend" is intended to contrast with someone who is a professional or business friend

Section 4D(5)(h): Section 4D(5)(h) prohibits judges from accepting gifts, bequests, favors, or loans from lawyers or their firms if they have come or are likely to come before the judge; it also prohibits gifts, bequests, favors, or loans from clients of lawyers or their firms when the clients' interests have come or are likely to come before the judge.

Under the last sentence of Section 4D(5) (h), some gifts may not be accepted even if they meet the requirements of Section 4D(5)(h). For example, a gift incident to public recognition of the judge in excess of the reporting amount in Section 4D(5)(h), or a loan on terms available only to judges, may not be accepted even though the donor or lender is not a party or other person who has come or is likely to come or whose interests have come or are likely to come before the judge; but extraordinary social hospitality, or a gift from a friend not for a special occasion, may be accepted if the donor is not a party or other person who has come or is likely to come or whose interests have come or are likely to come before the judge (and the judge reports the gift if the amount requires it.)

Section 4E: For new judges, Section 6B postpones the time for compliance with certain provisions of this Section in some cases.

Acting under a durable power of attorney or health care proxy are examples of service by the judge as an "other fiduciary" within Section 4E.

The restrictions imposed by this Section may conflict with the judge's obligation as a fiduciary. For example, a judge shall resign as trustee if detriment to the trust would result from divestiture of holdings the retention of which would place the judge in violation of Section 4D(4).

Section 4G: This prohibition refers to the practice of law in a representative capacity and not in a pro se capacity. A judge may act for himself or herself in all legal matters, including matters involving litigation and matters involving appearances before, or other dealings with, legislative and other governmental bodies. In acting pro se, a judge must not abuse the prestige of office to advance the interests of the judge. An illustration of such abuse would be appearing before a local zoning board in a matter relating to the judge's property and referring to the judge's judicial capacity.

Section 4H: See Section 4D(5)(h) regarding reporting of gifts, bequests, favors and loans. The Code does not prohibit a judge from receiving compensation from teaching or from accepting honoraria or speaking fees provided that the compensation is reasonable and commensurate with the task performed. A judge shall ensure, however, that no conflicts are created by the arrangement. A judge must not appear to trade on the judicial position for personal advantage. In addition, the source of the payment must not raise any question of undue influence or the judge's ability or willingness to be impartial. An illustration of the requirement that compensation not exceed what a person who is not a judge would receive for the same activity would be that a judge's compensation for teaching a law school course shall not be higher than that of other teachers merely because of the judge's status as a judge.

Section 4I: A judge has the rights of any other citizen, including the right to privacy of the judge's financial affairs, except to the extent that limitations are established by law and this Code. Disclosure of economic or relationship interests is required under Section 3E if a disqualification is to be overridden because of necessity and under Section 3F if remittal of disqualification is to be considered.

## CANON 5 A JUDGE SHALL REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITY

#### 5A. Political Conduct in General.

- (1) A judge shall not:
- (a) act as a leader of, or hold any office in, a political organization\*;
- (b) make speeches for a political organization\* or candidate or publicly endorse a candidate for public office;
- (c) solicit funds for, or pay an assessment or make a contribution to, a political organization\* or candidate, attend political gatherings, or purchase tickets for political party dinners, for functions conducted to raise money for holders of political office or for candidates for election to any political office, or for any other type of political function.
- (2) A judge shall resign from the judicial position held when the judge becomes a candidate either in a primary or in a general election for elective office. On assuming a judicial position, a judge shall resign any elective public office then held.
- (3) A judge may engage in activity in support or on behalf of measures to improve the law\*, the legal system, or the administration of justice.

#### **Commentary:**

While it is recognized that judges have the right to vote, participate as citizens in their communities, and not be isolated from the society in which they live, those rights must be viewed in light of Section 2A which requires that a judge conduct himself or herself at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.

A judge's participation in partisan politics may give the appearance of affecting his or her judicial actions or might actually affect the judge's judicial actions. A judge's endorsement of a candidate or appearance of an endorsement might well be viewed as judicial endorsement, and thus would advance the "private interests" of that person. Such activity would also create doubt about a judge's impartiality towards persons, organizations, or factual issues that may come before the judge.

A judge may not attend an event that is run to raise money or gather support for or opposition to a political candidate or party. The judge may not attend an event that is partisan in nature. The judge may not engage in any partisan displays of public support, such as driving an automobile with a partisan bumper sticker, posting a campaign sign outside of the judge's residence, signing nomination papers for a political candidate or a ballot issue, carrying a campaign sign, distributing campaign literature, or encouraging people to vote for or give money to a particular candidate or political party.

A judge has the right to be an informed citizen. As such, it would be permissible for a judge to attend an event that is non-partisan, such as a forum that is open to all candidates and is intended to inform the public. Furthermore, in order to participate in an electoral primary, a judge may register as a member of a political party, but may not permit or encourage anyone to make that registration known.

A judge may not avoid the restrictions imposed by this Section by making contributions through a spouse or other family member. Political contributions by the judge's spouse must result from the independent choice of the spouse, and checks by which such contributions are made shall not include the name of the judge.

### CANON 6 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CODE

#### 6A. Retired Judges

(1) A judge whose name has been placed upon the list of retired judges eligible to perform judicial duties, pursuant to G. L. c. 32, §§ 65E-65G, shall comply with all provisions of this Code during the term of such eligibility.

(2) A judge who has retired or resigned from judicial office shall not, for a period of six months following the date of retirement, resignation, or most recent service as a retired judge pursuant to G. L. c 32, §§ 65E-65G, perform court-connected dispute resolution services except on a pro bono publico basis, enter an appearance, or accept an appointment to represent any party in any court of the Commonwealth.

#### **B.** Time for Compliance

A person to whom this Code becomes applicable shall comply immediately with all its provisions except Sections 4D(2), 4D(3), and 4E and shall comply with those Sections as soon as reasonably possible and in any event within one year.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF COMPLIANCE The effective date of compliance of this Code is October 1, 2003.

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

SUFFOLK COUNTY No. OE IN THE MATTER OF DIANE E. MORIARTY

CONDITIONAL SUBMISSION TO THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT UPON ACKNOWLEDGED EVIDENCE BY THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND THE HONORABLE DIANE E. MORIARTY ON COMMISSION COMPLAINT NUMBERS 2007-89 AND 2007-108 PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 211C AND COMMISSION RULE 13B

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