



IN THE MATTER OF:
DOROTHEA BATISTE
Circuit Judge of Jefferson County,
Tenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama

ORDER

On August 6, 2013, this Court issued its final judgment in this matter. On October 28, 2013, the Alabama Supreme Court dismissed Judge Batiste's appeal in this matter.

As a part of this Court's August 6, 2013, final judgment, this Court imposed sanctions, which, among other things, included the following:

"[T]he the Court hereby orders Judge Batiste to attend the General Jurisdiction course at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, in September 2013, or any other similar formal judicial training or educational opportunity as agreed to between Judge Batiste and the presiding circuit judge of Jefferson County. In the event that Judge Batiste has previously attended the General Jurisdiction course, Judge Batiste is hereby ordered to undertake such other training or educational course as may be agreed to between Judge Batiste and the presiding circuit judge of Jefferson County. This training may either be in a formal and structured training program--such as a continuing legal Education ('CLE') program or a judicial-college type program--or in the form of a mentoring program."

Judge Batiste will have completed her suspension without pay on November 4, 2013, and therefore could be eligible to

resume her duties as a circuit judge on November 5, 2013. In a motion filed November 1, 2013, however, the Judicial Inquiry Commission ("the JIC") alleges that Judge Batiste has not complied with the above-quoted requirement in this Court's August 6, 2013, order. In support of its motion, the JIC includes the affidavit of Judge Houston Brown, Presiding Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit. The JIC requests that this Court issue an order enjoining Judge Batiste's reinstatement as a circuit judge until such time as she complies with the above-quoted requirement in this Court's August 6, 2013, order.

This matter is set for a conference call on Monday, November 4, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the issues raised in the JIC's motion. Counsel for both parties are directed to contact the Clerk's Office, Court of the Judiciary, at (334) 229-0733, on November 4, 2013, by 3:00 p.m. to receive instructions on participating in the conference call.



J. MICHAEL JOINER
CHIEF JUDGE
COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

Dated: November 1, 2013