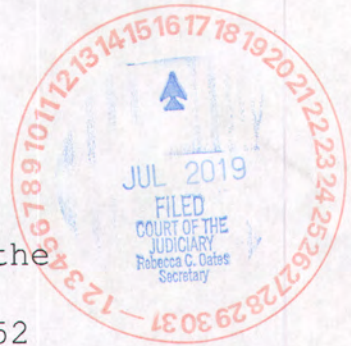


IN THE ALABAMA COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

IN THE MATTER OF:)
CHRISTOPHER M. KAMINSKI,) Court of the
District Judge,) Judiciary
Coffee County) Case No. 52



AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES

The Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission ("Commission") and District Court Judge Christopher Kaminski ("Judge Kaminski") enter this Agreement and Stipulation of the Parties regarding the Complaint filed in this case in the Court of the Judiciary by the Commission alleging Judge Kaminski's violations of the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics.

1. The Commission and Judge Kaminski agree and stipulate to the following:

- a. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Judge Kaminski was a District Court Judge in the County of Enterprise, Alabama.
- b. From June 2017 to the present, Judge Kaminski has maintained a romantic relationship with a local attorney ("the attorney").

- c. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the attorney was based in Enterprise and frequently practiced before Judge Kaminski.
- d. Shortly after his divorce was finalized on February 26, 2018, Judge Kaminski and the attorney went public with their romantic relationship.
- e. During a period of their romantic relationship, Judge Kaminski engaged in a pattern and practice of 1) appointing the attorney to cases; 2) taking judicial actions in cases in which the attorney was an attorney of record, even after their relationship was publicly acknowledged; 3) entering attorney's-fee-declaration orders for the attorney's benefit; and, 4) failing to disqualify himself from cases in which the attorney was an attorney of record, even after their relationship was publicly acknowledged.
- f. On or about June 14, 2018, Judge Kaminski improperly used the prestige of his office to gain access to courtroom surveillance footage to advance the private interests of the attorney and himself.
- g. On or about November 28, 2018, Judge Kaminski's counsel submitted a response to the Commission regarding the

allegations under investigation. On December 14, 2018, Judge Kaminski's counsel submitted a letter withdrawing the November 28 response.

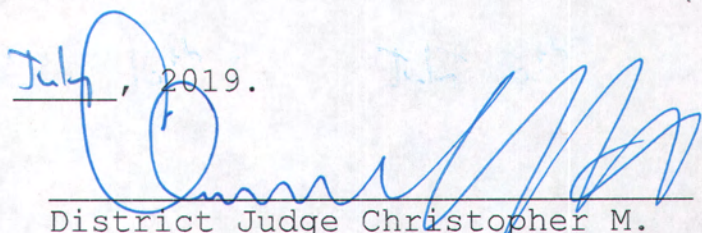
2. Based on Judge Kaminski's resignation from the bench on July 16, 2019, and the foregoing, the Commission and Judge Kaminski agree to the appropriateness of the Court of the Judiciary entering a judgment finding that Judge Kaminski violated Canons 1, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, and 3C(1), as described in Counts I and II of the Complaint, and jointly request the following resolution of the Complaint:

- a. Judge Kaminski be taxed with the costs of this prosecution allowed under Ala. R. Civ. P. 54 in the amount of \$2,346.67, to be paid within 90 days of entry of the final judgment.
- b. Judge Kaminski agrees to never again seek judicial office in the State of Alabama.
- c. No additional sanction or penalty be imposed.
- d. Count III of the Complaint be dismissed.
- e. Both parties agree not to make any public statements that are contrary to the terms of this Agreement.

3. For purposes of this Agreement, Judge Kaminski waives his right under Rule 5, Ala. R. P. Ct. of Jud., to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint herein within thirty (30) days of its service upon him; waives his right under Rule 8, Ala. R. P. Ct. of Jud., to thirty (30) days' notice of the date and time for a hearing of the Complaint in this case and consents to a more expeditious setting of the hearing for purposes of approval of this Settlement Agreement only; and waives his right of appeal under Article VI, § 157 of the Alabama Constitution, to the Alabama Supreme Court from any adjudicative order entered on the Complaint and any sanction based thereon imposed by the Court of the Judiciary with this Agreement and Stipulation.

4. If this Agreement is not accepted, Judge Kaminski does not agree to any of the waivers set forth in paragraph 3, including the setting of a trial date with 30 days' notice from the date of the decision on this Agreement.

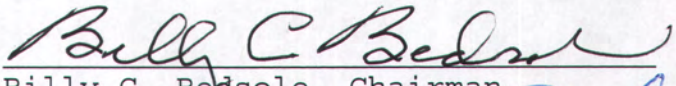
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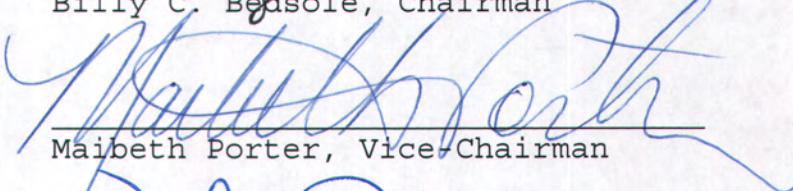


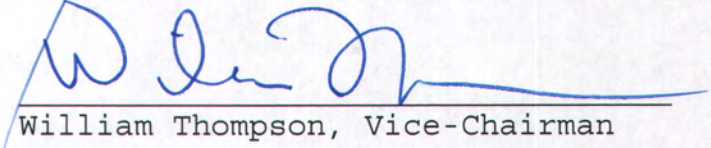
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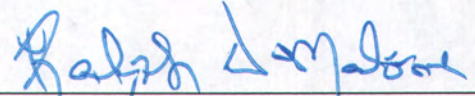
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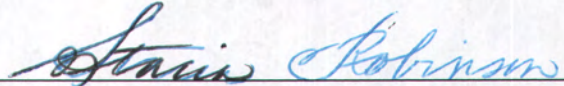
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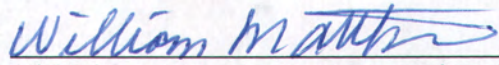

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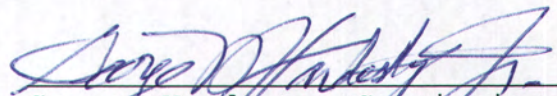

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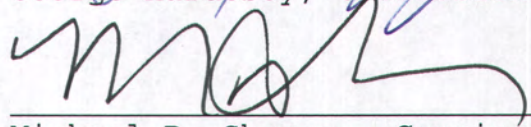

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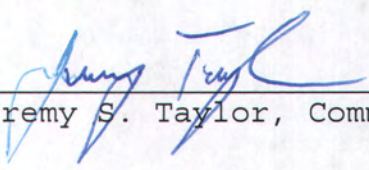

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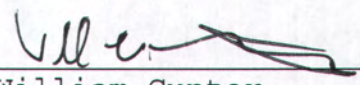

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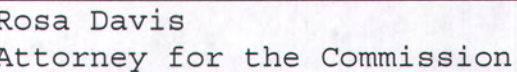

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