



IN THE ALABAMA COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

IN THE MATTER OF:

MARVIN W. WIGGINS  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

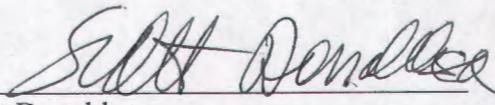
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CASE NO. 54

ORDER ON MOTION TO SEAL

The trial of Court of the Judiciary Case No. 51, styled In The Matter of Marvin W. Wiggins, Circuit Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit, began at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, November 18th, 2019. Late in the afternoon of Friday, November 15, 2019, the Judicial Inquiry Commission filed the complaint in this case with the Secretary of the Court of the Judiciary, along with a motion to seal the complaint temporarily and "only until the judgment of COJ case number 51 is announced." A hearing on the motion to seal was held on the record beginning at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 18. Both the Judicial Inquiry Commission and counsel for Judge Wiggins requested that the motion to seal be granted. A ruling was deferred until the end of the day so that the trial of COJ Case No. 51 could begin promptly, and the motion was taken under advisement to consider, among several other factors, whether there would be "undue harm" to Judge Wiggins if the motion was not granted on a temporary basis. See, e.g., Chambers v. Birmingham News Co., 552 So.2d 854, 856 (Ala.1989); Holland v. Eads, 614 So.2d 1012, 1015 (Ala. 1993). The trial of COJ Case No. 51 was completed on Monday, November 18 and a judgment was entered later that same evening. Therefore, the motion to seal is moot.

ORDERED this the 19th day of November, 2019.

  
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Scott Donaldson  
Chief Judge, Alabama Court of the Judiciary