

IN THE ALABAMA COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

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COURT OF THE JUDICIARY  
Rebecca C. Oates  
Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF:

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TRACIE TODD

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CASE NO. 58

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

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CRIMINAL DIVISION

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JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL

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**ORDER**

On April 14, 2021, the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission filed a Motion to Set Expedited Hearing requesting that the court set an expedited hearing pursuant to Rule 7, R. P. Ala. Ct. Judiciary, and Rule 8, R. P. Ala. Ct. Judiciary, which provides, in part, that “[t]he Court shall fix a date for hearing upon the complaint as expeditiously as possible.” Additionally, in the motion, the Commission represents that Judge Todd has waived her right pursuant to Rule 5, R. P. Ala. Judiciary, to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the complaint filed against her. Along with the motion, the Commission purported to file a document under seal. Given the substance of the motion, its representation that Judge Todd has waived her right to file an answer, and the purportedly sealed document filed therewith, the court needs, and therefore, requests, clarification on the nature of the hearing being requested by the Commission, i.e., a hearing on the complaint pursuant to Rule 8 or a hearing contemplated in Rule 16, R. P. Ala. Ct. Judiciary, to consider a proposed resolution of the charges filed against her.

Accordingly, the court directs the Commission to respond to this court's request for clarification no later than noon on April 19, 2021. Within five business days of the filing of the Commission's clarification, Judge Todd shall file a response to the Motion to Set Expedited Hearing and the Commission's clarification; however, nothing in this order is intended to prevent Judge Todd from responding to the Motion to Set Expedited Hearing sooner than ordered.

DONE this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.



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CHRISTY O. EDWARDS  
CHIEF JUDGE  
COURT OF THE JUDICIARY