

IN THE ALABAMA COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

IN THE MATTER OF:

CLIFTON L. PRICE, II
MUNICIPAL JUDGE,
LEEDS, AL

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CASE NO. 59

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COURT OF THE JUDICIARY
Rebecca C. Oates
Secretary

JOINT MOTION OF STIPULATION OF EVIDENCE

COME NOW, the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission (“the Commission”) and Municipal Judge Clifton L. Price (“Judge Price”) and hereby stipulate that the Commission can prove by clear and convincing evidence the facts as stated in the Complaint in support of the charges set forth in the Complaint. Therefore, the parties stipulate and offer as follows:

1. The parties stipulate that the facts, as stated in the Complaint filed by the Commission against Judge Price on April 23, 2021, can be established by clear and convincing evidence.

2. The parties stipulate that the Commission can establish by clear and convincing evidence, during a traffic-ticket case on February 21, 2020, Judge Price—while on the bench and dressed in his judicial robe—lost his temper; yelled profanity; threatened the defendant that he would take action against her if she sued his adult son; and called the

defendant multiple disparaging names.

3. The facts, as stipulated to, support the charges set forth in the Complaint.

4. In determining the appropriate sanction, the Commission and Judge Price would offer the following to be included in this Honorable Court's order:

a. Judge Price be publicly censured and, further, that public censure be issued in a newspaper of general circulation in either Jefferson, St. Clair, or Shelby County;

b. Judge Price be ordered to complete 12 hours of judicial education, including education on judicial ethics, within 18 months;

c. Judge Price be ordered to issue a formal written apology to Ms. Farranto; and

d. Judge Price be taxed with the costs of this prosecution allowed to the Commission under Ala. R. Civ. P. 54, in the amount of \$975.55, and also taxed with the costs to the Court of the Judiciary for the court reporter's transcription of the public proceeding in that Court and for the Court's publication of a Public Censure, should it issue one.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of June, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, on this the 2nd day of June, 2021, a copy of the foregoing has been filed electronically with the Court of the Judiciary and a copy of the same has been served on attorneys for the Respondent, through electronic mail and/or regular U.S. mail to:

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