

IN THE ALABAMA COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

IN THE MATTER OF:

NAKITA BLOCTON  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, AL

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CASE NO. 60

**FILED**

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COURT OF THE JUDICIARY  
Rebecca C. Oates  
Secretary


ORDER

The Judicial Inquiry Commission has filed a “Motion in Limine” and a “Evidentiary Supplement” to the “Motion in Limine.” Said motion does not seek the exclusion of evidence; rather, it seeks a pretrial ruling on the admissibility of Facebook or social media communications allegedly sent by Judge Blocton. Although the motion asserts that “Judge Blocton may move to exclude these messages as hearsay,” Judge Blocton has not filed a Motion in Limine to exclude the evidence outlined in the Judicial Inquiry Commission’s motion. A pretrial hearing will not be required if neither party objects to the proposed evidence.

Judge Blocton shall notify the Court, on or before November 29, 2021, whether she agrees that a pretrial hearing on the admissibility of Facebook communications allegedly sent by Judge Blocton under different pseudonyms should be held.

Finally, the undersigned previously indicated to the attorneys that they would receive notice of any alternate members of the Court of the Judiciary that would be sitting on this case. Due to the recusal of one member of the court, the Honorable Jeffery Kelley, Circuit Court alternate, will serve on the Court of the Judiciary for the trial of this case. Due to a conflict of a second member of this court, the Honorable Michael Newell, District Court alternate, will serve on the Court of the Judiciary for the trial of this case.

ORDERED this the 23rd day of November, 2021.

  
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J. William Cole  
Chief Judge  
Alabama Court of the Judiciary