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IN THE ALABAMA COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

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ALABAMA COURT OF THE JUDICIARY
Nathan P. Wilson
Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF:

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**STEVEN KING
CIRCUIT JUDGE
BLOUNT COUNTY, AL**

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CASE NO. 63

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CENSURE

Steven King, formerly a Circuit Court Judge in Blount County, Alabama, is hereby publicly censured by the Alabama Court of the Judiciary.

The Alabama Court of the Judiciary is a nine-member constitutionally created judicial body that is convened to hear complaints filed by the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission pertaining to alleged violations of the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics. Those Canons were adopted by our Alabama Supreme Court “as a code for judges and a declaration of that which the people of the State of Alabama have a right to expect of them.” Preamble, Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics.

On March 2, 2023, the Alabama Court of the Judiciary convened, in a public hearing, to consider a complaint filed by the Alabama Judicial

Inquiry Commission charging Judge King with violating the Canons of Judicial Ethics and to also consider the "Agreement and Stipulation of the Parties" submitted by joint motion of the parties pursuant to Rule 10, Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Inquiry Commission.

The Alabama Court of the Judiciary accepted the proposal of the parties and, based on Judge King's admissions, found Judge King guilty of violating the following Canons of Judicial Ethics: (1) Canon 1 (a judge should observe "high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary may be preserved,") (2) Canon 2 ("a judge should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all his activities,") (3) Canon 2A ("a judge ... should conduct himself at all times in a manner that promotes confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary,") and (4) Canon 2B ("a judge ... should avoid conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings the judicial office into disrespect.")

As a result of the acceptance by the Alabama Court of the Judiciary of the parties' proposed joint resolution, Judge King is publicly censured for his misconduct.