

STATE OF NEW YORK
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In the Matter of the Proceeding
Pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4,
of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

SHERRI L. EISENPRESS,

STIPULATION

a Justice of the Supreme Court,
9th Judicial District, Rockland County.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Conduct, and the Honorable Sherri L. Eisenpress (“Respondent”) and her attorney Beth B. Finkelstein of the Law Office of Beth Finkelstein, P.C.:

1. Respondent was admitted to the practice of law in New York in 1990.

She has been a Justice of the Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District, Rockland County, since 2023, having previously served as a Judge of the Family Court from 2012 to 2022, and an Acting Supreme Court Justice in Rockland County, from 2014 to 2022. Her current term expires on December 31, 2036.

2. Respondent was served with an Amended Formal Written Complaint dated August 7, 2025, which is appended as Exhibit A.

3. Respondent filed an Amended Verified Answer dated August 28, 2025, which is appended as Exhibit B.

4. Respondent tenders her letter of retirement dated January 29, 2026, a copy of which is appended as Exhibit C, stating that she will retire from judicial office on April 28, 2026.

5. Respondent affirms that she will retire from her judicial office at the close of business on April 28, 2026, and that she will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future.

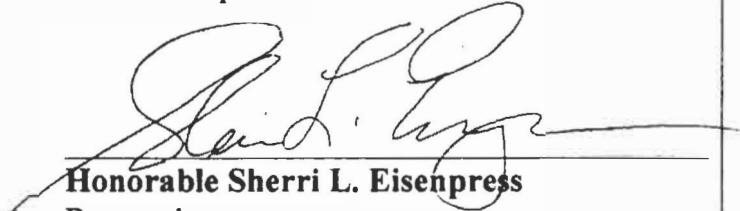
6. Respondent understands that, should she abrogate the terms of this Stipulation and hold or seek any judicial position at any time in the future, the present proceedings before the Commission may, in accordance with Section 47 of the Judiciary Law and Article VI Section 22(h) of the Constitution, be revived and the matter may proceed to a hearing before a referee, and/or the Commission may summarily determine that she should be removed from office pursuant to 22 NYCRR 7000.6(c).

7. Upon execution of this Stipulation by the signatories below, this Stipulation will be presented to the Commission with the joint recommendation that the matter be discontinued and closed subject to the terms of this Stipulation, without further proceedings.

8. This resolution is not a determination on the merits and contains no admission of misconduct.

9. Respondent waives confidentiality as provided by Section 45 of the Judiciary Law, to the extent that (A) this Stipulation will become public upon being signed by the signatories below, and (B) the Commission's Decision and Order regarding this Stipulation will become public.

Dated: 1/28/2026


Honorable Sherri L. Eisenpress
Respondent

Dated: 1/28/2026


Beth B. Finkelstein
The Law Office of Beth Finkelstein, P.C.
Attorney for Respondent

Dated: January 28, 2026

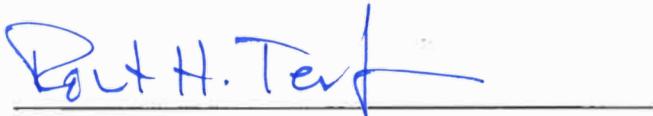

Robert H. Tembeckjian
Administrator & Counsel to the Commission
(**Mark Levine, Pamela Tishman, Vickie Ma**
and **Adam Kahan**, Of Counsel)

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF NEW YORK
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SHERRI L. EISENPRESS,

**NOTICE OF
AMENDED FORMAL
WRITTEN COMPLAINT**

a Justice of the Supreme Court,
9th Judicial District, Rockland County.

NOTICE is hereby given to Respondent, Sherri L. Eisenpress, a Justice of the Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District, Rockland County, pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4, of the Judiciary Law, that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct has determined that cause exists to serve upon Respondent the annexed Amended Formal Written Complaint; and that, in accordance with said statute, Respondent is requested within twenty (20) days of the service of the annexed Amended Formal Written Complaint upon her to serve the Commission at its New York office, 61 Broadway, Suite 1200, New York, New York 10006, with her verified Answer to the specific paragraphs of the Complaint.

Dated: August 7, 2025
Albany, New York

ROBERT H. TEMBECKJIAN
Administrator and Counsel
State Commission on Judicial Conduct
61 Broadway, Suite 1200
New York, New York 10006
(646) 386-4800

To: Hon. Sherri L. Eisenpress

[REDACTED]

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a Justice of the Supreme Court,
9th Judicial District, Rockland County.

1. Article VI, Section 22, of the Constitution of the State of New York establishes a Commission on Judicial Conduct (“Commission”), and Section 44, subdivision 4, of the Judiciary Law empowers the Commission to direct that a Formal Written Complaint be drawn and served upon a judge.
2. The Commission has directed that a Formal Written Complaint be drawn and served upon Sherri L. Eisenpress (“Respondent”), a Justice of the Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District, Rockland County.
3. The factual allegations set forth in Charges I through IV state acts of judicial misconduct by Respondent in violation of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts Governing Judicial Conduct (“Rules”).
4. Respondent was admitted to the practice of law in New York in 1990. She has been a Justice of the Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District, Rockland County, since 2023, having previously served as a Judge of the Family Court,

Rockland County, from 2012 to 2022. Respondent's term ends on December 31, 2036.¹

CHARGE I

5. From in or about 2019 to in or about 2024, in at least 55 cases, Respondent (A) presided notwithstanding the involvement of attorneys with whom she was acquainted and friendly, socialized, traveled and vacationed, and/or otherwise had a disqualifying relationship, (B) failed to disclose her relationships with those attorneys to opposing counsel and litigants, and/or (C) otherwise failed to take appropriate action, such as insulating a member of her staff from participating in matters involving the staff member's spouse or other attorneys in the spouse's law firm, or disqualifying herself from such cases.

Specifications to Charge I

Background

6. At all times relevant to this Formal Written Complaint, Respondent was acquainted and friendly with the following attorneys, all of whom practiced matrimonial law before Respondent and other judges:

- A. Amy M. Eisenberg of Eisenberg Yellen, LLP (formerly of Johnson & Cohen, LLP);
- B. Ilene Graff of the Law Offices of Eric Ole Thorsen;

¹ Respondent will reach the mandatory retirement age of 70 during the 2032 calendar year and will have to retire on December 31, 2032, unless she is certificated to continue serving beyond that date.

- C. Siobhan T. O'Grady of Miller Zeiderman LLP;
- D. Ashley Kersting of Miller Zeiderman LLP; and
- E. Christine K. Wienberg, a solo practitioner.

7. At all times relevant to this Formal Written Complaint, Respondent was acquainted and friendly with the following court staff:

- A. Dara Warren, Respondent's principal court attorney;
- B. Shira Krance, Respondent's former court assistant, and now Supreme Court Justice Rachel E. Tanguay's principal court attorney; and
- C. Aimee M. Pollak, a part-time Justice of the Clarkstown Town Court and the principal court attorney to Surrogate's Court Judge Keith J. Cornell.

Text Messages

8. From in or about 2019 to in or about 2024, Respondent was part of a group text message chain that included, at various times, all of the individuals identified in paragraphs 6 and 7 herein.

9. Some of the group text message threads were named "Punta Cana Partiers," "Bougie B*tches," and "Queen Dara & her loyal subjects."

10. Respondent and the members of the group text message chain *inter alia* shared confidences and discussed and shared social and travel plans and invitations, gossip, memes, photos, off-color jokes, and sexually graphic images.

Vacations/Trips

11. From in or about 2019 to in or about 2024, Respondent traveled at least six times with some combination of the attorneys and court staff who participated in the text message chain.

The Dominican Republic Trip

12. On or about March 20, 2019, through on or about March 24, 2019, Respondent traveled to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic to celebrate Ms. O’Grady’s 40th birthday. In addition to Respondent, Ms. Eisenberg, Ms. Graff, Ms. Kersting, Ms. Wienberg, Ms. Warren, Ms. Krance, and Ms. Pollak all went on the trip. They stayed together at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Respondent and Ms. Wienberg booked their trip together and shared a room. A copy of their trip reservation, which totaled \$4,456.44 and indicated that Ms. Wienberg advanced the money for Respondent’s share, is appended as Exhibit 1.

13. Respondent and the other women on the trip with her participated in various group activities, including going on a boat excursion, using the pool and beach, dining together, gambling, and getting spa treatments.

14. Ms. Eisenberg posted photos of the Punta Cana trip on Facebook. A copy of the postings is appended as Exhibit 2.

Three Vacations in Mexico

15. In or about November 2021, November 2022, and November 2023, Respondent and six members of the group text message chain – Ms. O’Grady, Ms.

Eisenberg, Ms. Graff, Ms. Warren, Ms. Krance, and Ms. Pollak – vacationed together in Mexico, as indicated below:

- A. On or about November 10-14, 2021, Respondent and her travel companions vacationed together in the Mayan Riviera in Mexico;
- B. On or about November 11-18, 2022, Respondent and her travel companions vacationed together in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; and
- C. On or about November 11-18, 2023, Respondent and her travel companions vacationed together in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

16. On each trip to Mexico, Respondent and her travel companions stayed together at a Vidanta resort. Respondent is a paid member of the Vidanta vacation club, which gives her access to luxury resorts at a discounted rate. As a club member, Respondent made the room reservations for her travel companions for the trips to Mexico.

17. All expenses and purchases such as food, drink and spa services incurred at the resort were charged to Respondent's room. After the trips, Respondent calculated the shared costs among all the travelers in her group and was reimbursed *pro rata* by them.

18. On these trips, Respondent and her travel companions went on boat excursions, dined together, had spa treatments, sat by the pool, went to the beach, and participated in other group activities.

19. A fourth trip to Mexico was planned for in or about November 2-9, 2024, but was cancelled after Respondent learned of the Commission's investigation into her conduct.

Atlantic City and Jersey Shore Vacations

20. From on or about September 6, 2019, through on or about September 8, 2019, Respondent, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Eisenberg, Ms. Graff, Ms. Warren, Ms. Krance, and Ms. Pollak spent a weekend in Atlantic City to celebrate Ms. Krance's 40th birthday.² Everyone stayed at the Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa.

21. From on or about September 10, 2020, through on or about September 12, 2020, Respondent, Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Graff, Ms. Warren, and Ms. Pollak stayed together at Ms. O'Grady's sister's beach house in Lavallette, New Jersey.

Social Interactions

22. From in or about 2019 to in or about 2024, Respondent joined in birthday celebrations, meals, drinks, personal and family milestone events, Zoom get togethers, political discussions, social events at private homes, and performances that included, at various times, some or all of the individuals identified in paragraphs 6 and 7.

23. From in or about 2019 to in or about 2024, Respondent received gifts and invitations to contribute to gifts in honor of significant life events – such as

² Ms. O'Grady's mother went on this trip as well.

weddings, bereavements, and get-well wishes – and received or extended invitations to attend social events with some or all of the individuals identified in paragraphs 6 and 7.

Respondent's Failure to Disqualify or Disclose

*Regarding Amy M. Eisenberg of Eisenberg Yellen, LLP
(Formerly of Johnson & Cohen, LLP)*

24. From in or about 2019 to in or about January 2025, Respondent presided over at least 18 cases involving Ms. Eisenberg as counsel. A list of 18 such cases is appended as Schedule A.

25. Respondent did not disqualify herself in any of the cases identified in Schedule A, with the exception of one case, [REDACTED] v [REDACTED], in which Respondent made an off-the-record disclosure. Respondent did not disclose the nature of her relationship with Ms. Eisenberg to the parties or opposing counsel in any of the remaining cases identified in Schedule A.

Regarding Siobhan T. O'Grady of Miller Zeiderman LLP

26. From in or about 2019 to in or about 2024, Respondent presided over at least seven cases involving Ms. O'Grady as counsel. A list of seven such cases is appended as Schedule B.

27. Respondent neither disqualified herself nor disclosed the nature of her relationship with Ms. O'Grady to the parties or opposing counsel in the cases identified in Schedule B.

Regarding Ashley Kersting of Miller Zeiderman LLP

28. From in or about 2019 to in or about 2024, Respondent presided over at least 18 cases involving Ms. Kersting as counsel. A list of 18 such cases is appended as Schedule C.

29. Respondent neither disqualified herself nor disclosed the nature of her relationship with Ms. Kersting to the parties or opposing counsel in the cases identified in Schedule C.

Regarding Ilene Graff of the Law Offices of Eric Ole Thorsen

30. From in or about 2019 to in or about January 2025, Respondent presided over at least 29 cases involving the Law Offices of Eric Ole Thorsen. A list of 29 such cases is appended as Schedule D.

31. Mr. Thorsen is married to Ilene Graff, who is also Mr. Thorsen's law partner. Mr. Thorsen and Ms. Graff work on their firm's cases together. Generally, Mr. Thorsen makes the court appearances and Ms. Graff handles the written work.

32. Respondent neither disqualified herself nor disclosed the nature of her relationship with Ms. Graff on the record in the cases identified in Schedule D.

Regarding Christine K. Wienberg

33. From in or about 2019 to in or about 2022, Respondent presided over at least two cases involving Ms. Wienberg as counsel. A list of two such cases is appended as Schedule E.

34. Respondent neither disqualified herself nor disclosed the nature of her relationship with Ms. Wienberg.

35. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent should be disciplined for cause, pursuant to Article VI, Section 22, subdivision (a), of the Constitution and Section 44, subdivision 1, of the Judiciary Law, in that Respondent failed to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary by failing to maintain high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary would be preserved, in violation of Section 100.1 of the Rules; failed to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, in that she failed to respect and comply with the law and failed to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, in violation of Section 100.2(A) of the Rules; and failed to perform the duties of judicial office impartially and diligently, in that she failed to disqualify herself in proceedings in which her impartiality might reasonably be questioned, in violation of Section 100.3(E)(1) of the Rules.

CHARGE II

36. From in or about 2016 to in or about January 2025, Respondent presided over at least 41 cases involving the law firm of her court attorney's husband, and in which she (A) failed to disclose that her court attorney was married to counsel who was practicing before her, and (B) failed to insulate her

court attorney from participating. A list of 41 such cases is appended as Schedule F.

Specifications to Charge II

37. Dara Warren has worked as Respondent's court attorney since approximately 2016.

38. At all times relevant to this Formal Written Complaint, Ms. Warren has been married to David Warren, an attorney who practices in Respondent's court.

39. Mr. Warren and attorney Alan Rosenblatt have been law partners at the firm of Rosenblatt Warren LLP since in or about January 2022. They are the only two attorneys at the firm. Prior to opening their own practice, Mr. Warren and Mr. Rosenblatt were law partners at the law firm of Montalbano, Condon & Frank, P.C.

40. Respondent did not disqualify herself in the cases identified in the appended Schedule F. Mr. Warren or Mr. Rosenblatt personally appeared before Respondent in approximately 30 of those 41 cases.

41. Respondent failed to disclose to the parties and counsel in the cases identified in Schedule F that Ms. Warren was married to Mr. Warren.

42. Respondent failed to indicate to the parties and counsel whether Ms. Warren was insulated from any of the cases identified in Schedule F.

43. Respondent failed to insulate Ms. Warren from the cases identified in Schedule F.

44. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent should be disciplined for cause, pursuant to Article VI, Section 22, subdivision (a), of the Constitution and Section 44, subdivision 1, of the Judiciary Law, in that Respondent failed to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary by failing to maintain high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary would be preserved, in violation of Section 100.1 of the Rules; failed to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, in that she failed to respect and comply with the law and failed to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, in violation of Section 100.2(A) of the Rules; and failed to perform the duties of judicial office impartially and diligently, in that she failed to disqualify herself in proceedings in which her impartiality might reasonably be questioned, in violation of Section 100.3(E)(1) of the Rules.

CHARGE III

45. The facts alleged in paragraphs 5-23 are incorporated by reference.

46. Respondent failed to disqualify herself from a matrimonial matter, [REDACTED] v. [REDACTED] (“[REDACTED”]), notwithstanding that (A) one of the plaintiff’s attorneys, Lisa Zeiderman of Miller Zeiderman LLP, co-hosted a fundraiser at her home in support of Respondent’s 2022 candidacy for

Supreme Court Justice, (B) Ashley Kersting, Ms. Zeiderman's co-counsel and law partner, is a friend and traveling companion of Respondent's, and (C) Siobhan T. O'Grady, a partner at Miller Zeiderman LLP, and another friend and traveling companion of Respondent's, also worked on the matter.

Specifications to Charge III

47. On or about September 28, 2021, Lisa Zeiderman commenced [REDACTED], a divorce action, on behalf of the plaintiff. Ms. Zeiderman and Ms. Kersting, her law partner at Miller Zeiderman LLP, served as counsel for the plaintiff. Ms. O'Grady, another partner at Miller Zeiderman LLP, also worked on the [REDACTED] matter. A copy of Ms. Zeiderman's Attorney Affirmation dated February 7, 2022, is appended as Exhibit 3.

48. On or about November 22, 2021, pursuant to a transfer order, a prior Family Court family offense matter proceeding and the [REDACTED] divorce proceeding were consolidated and transferred to the Integrated Domestic Violence ("IDV") Part. The matter was assigned to Respondent.

49. Respondent did not disqualify herself from [REDACTED], notwithstanding that she was friends and traveling companions with Ms. Kersting and Ms. O'Grady.

50. While the [REDACTED] matter was pending before her, Respondent discussed a fundraiser in support of her Supreme Court candidacy with Ms. Zeiderman, and attorneys Paul Adler and Jeffrey A. Cohen.³

51. Ms. Zeiderman, Mr. Adler and Mr. Cohen agreed to co-host the fundraiser in support of Respondent's candidacy.

52. On or about May 9, 2022, Respondent's campaign treasurer, Stephen Papas, sent invitations to the fundraiser via email.

53. On or about May 11, 2022, Respondent held a conference in the [REDACTED] matter related to a dispute over events that occurred during a supervised visitation session. Ms. Zeiderman and Ms. Kersting appeared on behalf of the plaintiff. Respondent did not disclose to the parties that Ms. Zeiderman would be hosting a fundraiser for Respondent's judicial campaign. Nor did Respondent disclose her relationships to Ms. Kersting or Ms. O'Grady. During the conference, Respondent *sua sponte* granted Ms. Zeiderman's client temporary physical and legal custody of the parties' children. A transcript of the conference is appended as Exhibit 4.

54. On or about May 17, 2022, Respondent issued a Temporary Order in the [REDACTED] matter, *inter alia* granting Ms. Zeiderman's client "temporary

³ At the time, Mr. Cohen, a retired Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, was Of Counsel at Abrams Fensterman, LLP.

physical and sole legal custody" of the parties' children. A copy of the Temporary Order, dated May 17, 2022, is appended as Exhibit 5.

55. On or about May 20, 2022, the defendant's attorney, Jean Marquardt, filed an Emergency Order to Show Cause, seeking Respondent's disqualification from the [REDACTED] matter because of Ms. Zeiderman's involvement with the upcoming fundraiser on Respondent's behalf.

56. On or about May 22, 2022, Ms. Zeiderman, Mr. Adler and Mr. Cohen co-hosted a \$500-per-ticket fundraiser for Respondent at Ms. Zeiderman's home. A copy of the fundraiser flier is appended as Exhibit 6.

57. By Recusal Order dated May 23, 2022, Respondent recused herself from the [REDACTED] matter, "to avoid the appearance of impropriety, impartiality or bias." A copy of Respondent's Recusal Order is appended as Exhibit 7.

58. At no time during the pendency of the [REDACTED] matter did Respondent disclose to the parties or opposing counsel that she was friends with and/or had vacationed and socialized with Ms. Kersting and Ms. O'Grady.

59. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent should be disciplined for cause, pursuant to Article VI, Section 22, subdivision (a), of the Constitution and Section 44, subdivision 1, of the Judiciary Law, in that Respondent failed to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary by failing to maintain high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary would be preserved, in violation of Section 100.1 of the Rules; failed to avoid

impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, in that she failed to respect and comply with the law and failed to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, in violation of Section 100.2(A) of the Rules; and failed to perform the duties of judicial office impartially and diligently, in that she failed to disqualify herself in a proceeding in which her impartiality might reasonably be questioned, in violation of Section 100.3(E)(1) of the Rules.

CHARGE IV

60. Respondent failed to disqualify herself in [REDACTED] v [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (“[REDACTED”]), a matter involving David Warren of Rosenblatt Warren LLP, notwithstanding that her court attorney, Dara Warren, was married to David Warren, and that the defendant requested her recusal.

Specifications to Charge IV

61. From on or about April 11, 2024, to on or about October 4, 2024, Respondent presided over [REDACTED], a matrimonial matter, involving David Warren of Rosenblatt Warren LLP as counsel for the plaintiff. Copies of the E-Courts Case Detail and Appearance Detail are appended as Exhibit 8 and Exhibit 9, respectively.

62. On or about June 24, 2024, Mr. Warren and Mr. [REDACTED], the *pro se* defendant, appeared before Respondent for a conference. Near the end of the

conference, Respondent disclosed that her court attorney was “related” to Mr. Warren, and that the court attorney was not permitted to participate in the case.

63. Mr. [REDACTED] objected to Respondent presiding over the matter and said, “That should be a reason to recuse yourself. I mean seriously.” Respondent denied his request and continued to preside over the matter. A copy of the June 24, 2024, transcript is appended as Exhibit 10.

64. Thereafter, by Recusal Order dated October 3, 2024, Respondent recused herself, stating reasons unrelated to her court attorney’s relationship to plaintiff’s counsel. A copy of Respondent’s Recusal Order is appended as Exhibit 11.

65. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent should be disciplined for cause, pursuant to Article VI, Section 22, subdivision (a), of the Constitution and Section 44, subdivision 1, of the Judiciary Law, in that Respondent failed to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary by failing to maintain high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary would be preserved, in violation of Section 100.1 of the Rules; failed to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, in that she failed to respect and comply with the law and failed to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, in violation of Section 100.2(A) of the Rules; and failed to perform the duties of judicial office impartially and diligently, in that she failed to disqualify herself in a proceeding in which her

impartiality might reasonably be questioned, in violation of Section 100.3(E)(1) of the Rules.

WHEREFORE, by reason of the foregoing, the Commission should take whatever further action it deems appropriate in accordance with its powers under the Constitution and the Judiciary Law of the State of New York.

Dated: August 7, 2025
Albany, New York



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VERIFICATION

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ALBANY)

ROBERT H. TEMBECKJIAN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Administrator of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.
2. I have read the foregoing Amended Formal Written Complaint and, upon information and belief, all matters stated therein are true.
3. The basis for said information and belief is the files and records of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Robert H. Tembeckjian

Sworn to before me this
7th day of August 2025

M. H. F.
Notary Public

Marisa Harrison Santos
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01SA0003835
Qualified in Albany County
Commission Expires March 27, 2027

EXHIBIT B

HON. SHERRI L. EISENPRESS

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mark Levine, Esq.

8/28/2025

Deputy Administrator
NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct
61 Broadway Suite 1200
New York, New York 10006

Dear Mr. Levine:

Enclosed please find an Amended Verified Answer in Response to the Amended Formal Written Complaint along with the completed home address form you requested.

Very truly yours,

Hon. Sherri L. Eisenpress

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JUDICIAL CONDUCT - NYC LEGAL

STATE OF NEW YORK

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**AMENDED VERIFIED ANSWER
TO AMENDED FORMAL
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STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss:

COUNTY OF ROCKLAND)

SHERRI L. EISENPRESS being duly sworn, deposes and says that I am the Respondent in the above-captioned action; that the following constitutes my Amended Answer to the Amended Formal Written Complaint;

that such Answer is based upon my own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

1. In response to Paragraph 1, I admit that the Commission on Judicial Conduct ("Commission") is so empowered.
2. In response to Paragraph 2, I admit that I was served with the Notice of the Amended Formal Written Complaint, which was delivered via the USPS, and received by me on or about August 9, 2025.
3. In response to Paragraph 3, I admit in part and deny in part as stated below. I admit certain factual allegations as set forth in Charges I-IV. However, except where admitted, I deny the legal conclusions set forth in Charges I-IV, i.e., that the charges state acts of judicial misconduct in violation of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts Governing Judicial Conduct ("Rules").
4. In response to Paragraph 4, I admit that I was admitted to the practice of law in New York in 1990, that I have been a Justice of the Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District, Rockland County (currently temporarily sitting in Orange County Supreme Court), since January 1, 2023, that my term expires on December 31, 2036, and that I will reach mandatory retirement age in 2032.

CHARGE I

5. In response to Paragraph 5, I deny the allegations in paragraph 5.

Specifications to Charge I

Background

6. In response to Paragraph 6, I deny the allegations in paragraph 6, except admit that, during the relevant time period, I was acquainted with and had a friendly, collegial relationship with Amy Eisenberg, Esq., Ilene Graff, Esq. and Siobhan O'Grady, Esq.

I further admit I had a collegial relationship with Ashley Kersting and Christine Weinberg, Esq.

7. In response to Paragraph 7, I admit the allegations in paragraph 7.
8. In response to Paragraph 8, I admit the allegations in paragraph 8.
9. In response to Paragraph 9, I deny a recollection of a thread entitled "Punta Cana Partiers" but admit that I was part of a group text chain started and named by someone else and which text chain was at various times titled with different names including, "Bougie Bitches" and "Queen Dara and Her Loyal Subjects."
10. In response to Paragraph 10, I deny the allegations in paragraph 10, except admit that I was part of a text thread that shared jokes, memes and travel plans. I further admit that there were a very few jokes or images that could be considered, depending on the context, as off color, none of which were shared or authored by me.

"Vacations Trips"

11. In response to Paragraph 11, I admit the allegations in paragraph 11 and aver that two of those trips were one overnight each and one was four days. Each of the other trips was one week.

The Dominican Republic Trip

12. In response to Paragraph 12, I admit the allegations in paragraph 12 and aver that I was invited to join that trip by Ms. O'Grady at a time when she was employed as a Court Attorney in family court and not as a practicing attorney. I did not invite anyone on that trip and was not aware in advance of all of the invitees. I had never travelled with any of these individuals before. I did not plan the trip or make the arrangements. Ms. Weinberg, another invitee of Ms. O'Grady, made the room reservation, and I reimbursed her for my share of the cost. We spent four days on this trip along with approximately twenty others that Ms. O'Grady invited, most of whom I did not and do not know.
13. In response to Paragraph 13, I admit the allegations in paragraph 13.

14. In response to Paragraph 14, I deny knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny this allegation and aver that although I did not see the Facebook posting at the time it was made, I understand that such a post was in fact made by Ms. Eisenberg.

Three Vacations in Mexico

15. In response to Paragraph 15, I admit the allegations in paragraph 15.
16. In response to Paragraph 16, I admit that we all stayed together at the same resort and that as the Club Member I made the reservations but deny that we all stayed together. At all times relevant, I had my own bedroom in a larger suite, and the various rooms were on different floors of the resort.
17. In response to Paragraph 17, I admit that many of the expenses were charged to my room. Some of those expenses were prepaid by each traveler and others were repaid to me after the stay. Each party paid for their own spa treatments and purchases and the food and other costs were divided.
18. In response to Paragraph 18, I admit the allegations in paragraph 18.
19. In response to Paragraph 19, I admit that a planned November 2024 trip was cancelled. The reason for the cancellation was the fact that the Commission raised the question about disclosure of these relationships in their investigation and, while I did not and do not think disclosure is required or warranted, I decided not to go on the trip in an abundance of caution until this matter was resolved. All other travelers were free to go on the trip but, for their own reasons, decided against it.

Atlantic City and Jersey Shore “Vacations”

20. In response to Paragraph 20, I deny the allegations in paragraph 20. To the best of my recollection, I travelled to Atlantic City in September of 2020, at the invitation of my then assistant Shira Krance, (also the daughter of a close family friend and my former law partner) to celebrate her 40th birthday. I spent one night, had my own room, paid my own way and joined the group for dinner and gambling for a few hours.
21. In response to Paragraph 21, I deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 21. To the best of my recollection, I spent one night at Ms. O’Grady’s sister’s beach house in September 2020.

Social Interactions

22. In response to Paragraph 22, I deny the allegations in paragraph 22, and aver that I attended various group events with some or all of the individuals identified in the Amended Formal Written Complaint and never socialized individually with Ilene Graff, Siobhan O’Grady, Christine Weinberg or Amy Eisenberg.
23. In response to paragraph 23, I admit that I received a group gift on my sixtieth birthday and a donation was made in my honor on the death of my brother during covid. I also admit that I have contributed to gifts/donations for major events –such as births, deaths,

retirements, and major celebrations, in the lives of court staff, court officers, court reporters, colleagues, attorneys, neighbors and friends, and to that end contributed similarly to such events and occasions for Ms. Graff, O'Grady, Ms. Eisenberg and /or Ms. Kersting.

Alleged Failure to Disqualify or Disclose

Regarding Amy Eisenberg of Eisenberg Yellen, LLP (Formerly of Johnson and Cohen).

24. In response to Paragraph 24, although I do not have a recollection of specific cases and have not confirmed the Commission's assertions about Ms. Eisenberg's appearance on 18 cases over the six- year period alleged, I admit that Ms. Eisenberg appeared in front of me on multiple occasions over the alleged time period.
25. In response to Paragraph 25, although I do not have a specific recollection of each case in which I presided and Ms. Eisenberg appeared, I admit that as a matter of course I did not make such a disclosure as under the prevailing ethics opinions with which I was familiar, and for the reasons set forth below, I did not believe such a disclosure was necessary or warranted. I also aver that on a number of those cases, the attorney on the other side of the case was another individual on the text thread and/or part of or aware of the trips and, in others, Ms. Eisenberg appeared as a substituted counsel later in the case or withdrew from a case before an appearance. To the best of my recollection, my total contacts with Ms. Eisenberg over the six-year period at issue, including public bar association and charity events and third-party weddings are:
 - Four-day group Trip to The Dominican Republic in 2019, planned by Ms. O'Grady while Ms. O'Grady worked for the Court, with all attendees invited by Ms. O'Grady;
 - Trips to Mexico in 2021,2022, 2023 and planned for 2024 but which was cancelled (everyone paid their own way and their own expenses for each trip as evidenced by various records provided to the Commission).
 - One overnight in Atlantic City for Shira Krance's 40th birthday (during the time period when Ms. Krance worked for me) with all attendees invited by Ms. Krance (everyone paid their own way);
 - Pool party at Aimee Pollack's house—all attendees invited by Ms. Pollack, a Court employee;
 - Socially distanced outside 50th birthday party at my house for half an hour for Ms. Warren's 50th birthday which took place approximately six weeks into the Covid emergency;
 - Twice attended group gathering of approximately fifteen to twenty people with fortune teller/medium at Ms. O Grady's house;
 - 2-3 lunches over the years in a group;
 - One or two graduation parties at Dara Warren's house which I also attended (both invited by Ms. Warren);

- I contributed to group gifts for bereavement and major birthdays and milestones (which I did for many others as well when asked, including court staff, attorneys, judges and community members) and I believe Ms. Eisenberg did the same, including her contributed to a donation in my brother's name when he died during Covid and a gift certificate for my 60th birthday;
- Attended 1 weddings to which we were both invited by Ilene Graff.
- Public bar association and charitable events.

From 2019 to today, my contacts with Ms. Eisenberg remain, sporadic, occasional, and superficial. Meaning, that at no time have I ever regularly socialized with Ms. Eisenberg, nor can I recall a time where we ever socialized one on one. I did not and do not speak Ms. Eisenberg on the telephone, and other than the group texts as discussed above and below, do not communicate with her at all. We do not socialize and do not share personal information. In sum, I do not consider Ms. Eisenberg to be a close personal or social friend.

Regarding Siobhan O'Grady of Miller Zeiderman LLP

26. In response to Paragraph 26, although I do not have a recollection of specific cases, and have not confirmed the Commission's assertions about Ms. O'Grady's appearance on 7 cases over the five- year period alleged, I admit that, after not appearing in front of me for two years after her departure from the courthouse as a law clerk, I admit that Ms. O'Grady did appear in front of me on several occasions over the alleged five-year time period.
27. In response to Paragraph 27, although I do not have a specific recollection of each case in which I presided and Ms. O'Grady appeared, I admit that as a matter of course I did not make such a disclosure as under the prevailing ethics opinions with which I was familiar, and for the reasons set forth below, I did not and do not believe such a disclosure was necessary or warranted. I also aver that on a number of those cases, the attorney on the other side of the case was another individual on the text thread and/or part of or aware of the trips and, in others, Ms. O'Grady appeared as a substituted counsel later in the case or withdrew from a case before an appearance. To the best of my recollection, my total contacts with Ms. O'Grady over the five-year period at issue, including public bar association and charity events and third-party weddings are:
 - Four-day group Trip to The Dominican Republic in 2019, planned by Ms. O'Grady while Ms. O'Grady worked for the Court, with all attendees invited by Ms. O'Grady;
 - Trips to Mexico in 2021, 2022, 2023 and planned for 2024 but which was cancelled (everyone paid their own way and their own expenses for each trip as evidenced by various records provided to the Commission).

- One overnight in Atlantic City for Shira Krance's 40th birthday (during the time period when Ms. Krance worked for me) with all attendees invited by Ms. Krance (everyone paid their own way);
- Pool party at Aimee Pollack's house—all attendees invited by Ms. Pollack, a Court employee;
- Group game night at Ms. O'Grady's sister's house invited by Ms. O'Grady;
- Socially distanced outside 50th birthday party at my house for half an hour for Ms. Warren's 50th birthday which took place approximately six weeks into the Covid emergency;
- Group overnight at Ms. O'Grady's sisters beach house
- Twice attended group gathering of approximately fifteen to twenty people with fortune teller/medium at Ms. O Grady's house;
- 2-3 lunches over the years in a group;
- One or two graduation parties at Dara Warren's house which I also attended (both invited by Ms. Warren);
- My 60th birthday party attended by about fifty people, invited by my spouse;
- I contributed to group gifts for bereavement and major birthdays and milestones (which I did for many others as well when asked, including court staff, attorneys, judges and community members) and I believe Ms. O'Grady did the same, including her having chipped in for a contribution in my brother's name when he died during Covid and a gift certificate for my 60th birthday;
- Attended 3 weddings to which we were both invited—two by Diane Gould and one by Ilene Graff.
- Public bar association and charitable events.
- As with Ms. Eisenberg, from 2019 to today, my contacts with Ms. O'Grady remain, sporadic, occasional, and superficial. Meaning, that at no time have I ever regularly socialized with Ms. O'Grady, nor can I recall a time where we ever socialized one on one. I did not and do not speak Ms. O'Grady on the telephone, and other than the group texts as discussed above and below, do not communicate with her at all. We do not socialize and do not share personal information. In sum, I do not consider Ms. Eisenberg or Ms. O'Grady to be close personal or social friends.

Regarding Ashley Kersting of Miller Zeiderman LLP

28. In response to the allegations in paragraph 28, although I do not have a recollection of specific cases, and have not confirmed the Commissions assertions about Ms. Kersting's appearance on 18 cases over the five -year period alleged, I admit that Ms. Kersting did appear on front of me on multiple cases over the alleged time period.

29. In response to the allegations in paragraph 29, although I do not have a specific recollection of each case in which I presided and Ms. Kersting appeared, I admit that as a matter of course I did not make such a disclosure as under the prevailing ethics opinions with which I was familiar, and for the reasons set forth above and below, I did not and do not believe such a disclosure was necessary or warranted. I also aver that on a number of those cases, the attorney on the other side of the case was another individual on the text thread and/or part of the one trip and in others, Ms. Kersting appeared as a substituted counsel later in the case or withdrew as counsel prior to an appearance. I further aver as follows: The totality of my contacts with Ms. Kersting over the five-year period at issue are:

- She was invited by Ms. O'Grady to attend her 40th birthday celebration in the Dominican Republic in 2019, which she did for two days. I did not share a room with Ms. Kersting or, to my recollection, even engage in any conversation with her.
- I serve with Ms. Kersting on the Board of Directors of the Rockland County Pride Center, and to that end, she stopped by my house on one occasion with Ms. Krance for a few minutes to discuss an issue related to Pride Center activities.
- Ms. Kersting came to my backyard during Covid for a half an hour socially distanced fiftieth birthday celebration for Ms. Warren.
- She attended my 60th birthday party (I believe she was invited by Ms. Krance).
- She contributed to a spa gift certificate for my 60th birthday (which was from 6 or seven people) and I believe contributed to a charitable contribution made in my brother's name when he passed away during Covid.
- I contributed to flowers for Ms. Kersting sent by a group of people when suffered a miscarriage.
- Ms. Kersting and I were both invited to and attended a wedding by Ms. Graff, along with many other lawyers and judges.
- Public charitable and bar association events

As with Ms. O'Grady and Ms. Eisenberg, from 2019 to today, my contacts with Ms. Kersting remain, sporadic, occasional, and superficial. Meaning, that at no time have I ever regularly socialized with Ms. Kersting, nor can I recall a time where we ever socialized one on one. I did not and do not speak Ms. Kersting on the telephone, and other than the group texts as discussed above and below, do not communicate with her at all. We do not socialize and do not share personal information. I have never met Ms.

Kersting's family or friends nor have I been to Ms. Kersting's house. In sum, I do not consider Ms. Kersting, Ms. Eisenberg or Ms. O'Grady to be close personal or social friends.

Regarding Ilene Graff of the Law Offices of Eric Thorsen

30. In response to the allegations in paragraph 30 although I do not have a recollection of specific cases and have not confirmed the Commission's assertions about the appearance of Ms. Graff's husband's her husband's law firm, where Ms. Graff is employed, on 29 cases over the five -year period alleged, I admit that Mr. Thorsen did appear in front of me on multiple occasions over the alleged period.
31. As to the allegations in paragraph 31, I deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the existence, nature or terms of Ms. Graff's professional relationship to Mr. Thorsen, except that Ms. Graff has been mentioned in some of Mr. Thorsen's fee applications, the names of which I do not recall. In point of fact, I have never travelled with or socialized with Mr. Thorsen apart from bar and charity related events. I have never been to Mr. Thorsen and Ms. Graff's home, and I have never socialized with Ms. Graff one on one or spoken on the phone with her. My contacts with Ms. Graff over the five- year time alleged mare limited to the following:
 - Four-day group Trip to The Dominican Republic in 2019, planned by Ms. O'Grady when she worked at the courthouse, who invited all attendees;
 - Trips to Mexico in 2021,2022, 2023 and planned for 2024 but which was cancelled (everyone paid their own way and their own expenses for each trip as evidenced by various records provided to the Commission).
 - One overnight in Atlantic City for Shira Krance' s 40th birthday (during the time period when Ms. Krance worked for me) with all attendees invited by Ms. Krance (everyone paid their own way);
 - Pool party at Aimee Pollack's house—all attendees invited by Ms. Pollack, a Court employee;
 - Group game night at Ms. O'Grady's sister's house invited by Ms. O'Grady;
 - Socially distanced outside 50th birthday party at my house for half an hour for Ms. Warren's 50th birthday which took place approximately six weeks into the Covid emergency;
 - once attended group gathering of approximately fifteen to twenty people with fortune teller/medium at Ms. O Grady's house;
 - 2-3 lunches over the years in a group;
 - One or two graduation parties at Dara Warren's house which I also attended (both invited by Ms. Warren);

- My 60th birthday party attended by about fifty people, invited by my spouse;
- I contributed to group gifts for bereavement and major birthdays and milestones (which I did for many others as well when asked, including court staff, attorneys, judges and community members) and I believe Ms. Graff did the same, including her having chipped in for a contribution in my brother's name when he died during Covid and a gift certificate for my 60th birthday;
- Attended the wedding of Ms. Graff's daughter
- Public bar association and charitable events.
- As with Ms. Eisenberg, Ms. O'Grady and Ms. Kersting, from 2019 to today, my contacts with Ms. Graff remain, sporadic, occasional, and superficial. Meaning, that at no time have I ever regularly socialized with Ms. Graff, nor can I recall a time where we ever socialized one on one. I did not and do not speak Ms. Graff on the telephone, and other than the group texts as discussed above and below, do not communicate with her at all. We do not socialize and do not share personal information. In sum, I do not consider Ms. Eisenberg, Ms. O'Grady or Ms. Graff to be close personal or social friends.

32. As to the allegations in paragraph 32, although I do not have a specific recollection of each case in which I presided and Mr. Thorsen appeared, and certainly could not identify which documents Ms. Graff did or did not write, I admit that as a matter of course I did not make a disclosure as under the prevailing ethics opinions with which I was familiar, and for the reasons set forth above and below, I do not and did not believe such a disclosure was necessary or warranted. I also aver that on a number of those cases, the attorney on the other side of the case was another individual on the text thread and/or part of the trips and in others, Mr. Thorsen appeared as a substituted counsel later on in the case or withdrew prior to an appearance.

Regarding Christine Weinberg

33. In response to the allegations in paragraph 33, although I do not have a recollection of specific cases and have not confirmed the Commissions assertions about the appearance of Ms. Weinberg on 2 cases over the five -year period alleged, I admit that Ms. Weinberg appeared in front of me on rare occasions. over the alleged five -year time period.

34. As to the allegations in paragraph 34, I admit that no disclosure was made but aver that no disclosure or disqualification was warranted as I have no personal relationship whatsoever with Ms. Weinberg. As a Justice in the County where Ms. Weinberg practiced and served as a fellow judicial officer (Ms. Weinberg was a local judge in Orange County), I attended her office opening for 15 minutes along with many other attorneys and Judges, her husband's funeral and a dinner prior to her move out of the State, also along with many other lawyers and judges. Other than those events and other public bar association or charity events, I have NEVER socialized with Ms. Weinberg. As to the Dominican Republic trip, because I waited until later than others to book my trip, there was only one room in the group of rooms that had only one person occupying

it and that was Ms. Weinberg. So, for four nights in 2019 I shared a suite with Ms. Weinberg. Moreover, as the documents produced by the Commission demonstrates, Ms. Weinberg did not appear on the [REDACTED] case until October of 2021, more than two years after the trip and, by that time Mr. Warren had appeared on the other side thus eliminating any need for disclosure since both parties were 100% aware of the 2019 trip as well as the relationship between Mr. Warren and Ms. Warren.

35. As to the allegations in Paragraph 35, I deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 35.

CHARGE II

36. As to the allegations in paragraph 36, while I have no specific recollection about every case I presided over involving Mr. Warren (or more frequently another member of his firm, Alan Rosenblatt or Richard Sarajian (who ceased working with Mr. Warren in January of 2022)), I admit that I presided over a number of cases between 2016 and 2024 where Mr. Warren's firm appeared and that in some of them I failed to make an on the record disclosure about Mr. Warren's relationship to my law clerk, but deny the remaining allegations in that paragraph and aver that most of the cases where Mr. Warren's firm appeared both sides were represented by counsel who were completely aware of that relationship having been appearing in front of me for years, being regular family law/matrimonial attorneys in Rockland. I categorically deny not insulating my law clerk from work on those cases.

Specifications to Charge II

37. In response to the allegations in paragraph 37, I admit the allegations in paragraph 37.
38. In response to the allegations in paragraph 38, I admit the allegations in paragraph 38.
39. In response to the allegations in paragraph 39, I admit the allegations in paragraph 39.
40. In response to the allegations in paragraph 40, while I have no specific recollection about every case I presided over involving Mr. Warren (or more frequently another member of his firm, Alan Rosenblatt or Richard Sarajian (who ceased working with Mr. Warren in January of 2022)), I admit that I presided over a number of cases between 2016 and 2024 where Mr. Warren's firm appeared and that in some of them I failed to make an on the record disclosure about Mr. Warren's relationship to my law clerk or my law clerk's insulation, but deny the remaining allegations in that paragraph and aver that most of the cases where Mr. Warren's firm appeared both sides were represented by counsel who were completely aware of that relationship having been appearing in front of me for years, and being regular family law/matrimonial attorneys in Rockland, which has an extremely small matrimonial bar. I categorically deny not insulating my law clerk from work on those cases.
41. In response to the allegations in paragraph 41, while I have no specific recollection about every case I presided over involving Mr. Warren (or more frequently another member of

his firm, Alan Rosenblatt or Richard Sarajian (who ceased working with Mr. Warren in January of 2022)), I admit that I presided over a number of cases between 2016 and 2024 where Mr. Warren's firm appeared and that in some of them I failed to make an on the record disclosure about Mr. Warren's relationship to my law clerk or my law clerk's insulation on such matters, but deny the remaining allegations in that paragraph and aver that most of the cases where Mr. Warren's firm appeared both sides were represented by counsel who were completely aware of that relationship having been appearing in front of me for years, being regular family law/matrimonial attorneys in Rockland, which has an extremely small matrimonial bar. I categorically deny not insulating my law clerk from work on those cases.

42. In response to the allegations in paragraph 42, while I have no specific recollection about every case I presided over involving Mr. Warren (or more frequently another member of his firm, Alan Rosenblatt or Richard Sarajian (who ceased working with Mr. Warren in January of 2022)), I admit that I presided over a number of cases between 2016 and 2024 where Mr. Warren's firm appeared and that in some of them I failed to make an on the record disclosure about Mr. Warren's relationship to my law clerk or my law clerk's insulation on such matters, but deny the remaining allegations in that paragraph and aver that in most of the cases where Mr. Warren's firm appeared both sides were represented by counsel who were completely aware of that relationship and the insulation of my law clerk, having been appearing in front of me for years, being regular family law/matrimonial attorneys in Rockland, which has an extremely small matrimonial bar. I categorically deny not insulating my law clerk from work on those cases. I further aver that of the cases appended to the complaint Schedule F, where Mr. Warren's firm is alleged to have appeared, with the exception of one of two of those cases they occurred from 2018 forward when I was assigned to a full time Supreme Court calendar along with the Integrated Domestic Violence Court. By this time Ms. Warren's relationship to Mr. Warren and the fact that she was insulated on that firm's cases was widely known amongst the matrimonial bar in both Rockland, Westchester and Orange and, if necessary, many attorneys would appear before the Commission and testify to the same. Nevertheless, I acknowledge that I should have placed the disclosure on the record in each case, and my failure to do so was my error.
43. In response to the allegations in Paragraph 43, I deny the allegations in paragraph 43.
44. In response to the allegations in Paragraph 44, I dent the allegations in paragraph 44

Charge III

45. In response to paragraph 45, I repeat and reallege my responses as set forth herein to paragraphs 5-23.
46. In response to paragraph 46, I deny the allegations in paragraph 46 and aver that I recused my self-from the case on May 23, 2022, three days after a motion was filed.

Specifications to Charge III

47. In response to the allegations in paragraph 47, I admit the allegations set forth in paragraph 47, except deny knowledge as to when Ms. O'Grady worked on the matter.
48. In response to the allegations in paragraph 48, I admit the allegations in paragraph 48 and aver that: the [REDACTED] matrimonial matter was assigned to me on September 28, 2021. On that date, an RJI was filed by Lisa Zeiderman, a partner at Miller Zeiderman, the firm where Ms. Kersting and Ms. O'Grady work. Prior to the filing of that RJI, a hearing was conducted by a Special Referee on a family offense petition filed against the complainant in this matter and a temporary order of protection was issued by the Special Referee.

At the hearing before the Special Referee, testimony was taken and based on the testimony of Ms. [REDACTED]'s adult son as to her violent and dangerous behavior, the Special Referee declined to vacate, and instead continued, the temporary order of protection that had initially been ordered on an *ex parte* basis by the Family Court.

On November 17, 2021, a request to transfer the matrimonial action and the then pending Family Court and Criminal Court matters to the IDV part over which I presided, was made by counsel for Ms. [REDACTED], the complainant here. This request was made on consent and the parties agreed that the AFC assigned on the Family Court matter, Nicole D'Giacomo, Esq., would remain the same when the matter was transferred to IDV. The attorneys named as counsel for Mr. [REDACTED] was the Miller Zeiderman firm.

Although the transfer to IDV was effectuated on November 22, 2021, the parties' first appearance before me was not until January 4, 2022. At that appearance, Ms. Kersting was lead counsel for the defendant and Ms. Zeiderman accompanied her. This appearance was more than two years after Ms. Kersting was in the Dominican Republic for two days for Ms. O'Grady's birthday celebration. With the minimal contacts over the preceding three years, limited as discussed below, I saw no reason then, nor do I see any reason now, why any disclosure regarding my non-existent "relationship" with Ms. Kersting is warranted in any way. Under the ethical opinions that I was and am aware of no such disclosure was or is required. (Of course, if at any time a determination otherwise is made, as I have in the past, I will amend my practice to reflect the same).

As to Ms. Zeiderman, she and I have no social relationship of any kind except as cordial colleagues at public events, and as overlapping members of the Board of Directors of the Justice Brandeis Law Society. Based on these uncontested facts, I cannot fathom what kind of disclosure could have possibly been required at that first appearance where the order of supervised visitation was extended, and a forensic examination was ordered.

The next conference on this matter was held on March 1, 2022, at which Ms. Kersting and Ms. O'Grady appeared, Ms. O'Grady having not appeared before me on any matter for approximately two years after leaving the employ of the court system. As with Ms. Kersting--and given the two year elapsed period and the minimal contacts with Ms. O'Grady over those two years (which I acknowledge included a group trip in November of 2021) I likewise did not and do not believe that any disclosure was warranted, subject

again to the caveat that, of course, if at any time a determination otherwise is made, as I have in the past, I will amend my practice to reflect the same.

At that conference Ms. [REDACTED], still represented by counsel who had transferred the case to my part, was given expanded access to her son by me and the temporary order of protection was modified to reflect the same.

Subsequently, in April of 2022, the hearing, originally commenced in Family Court on the family offense petition against Ms. [REDACTED] continued in front of me and concluded, with Ms. [REDACTED] represented by Mr. Sunshine and Mr. [REDACTED] by the Miller Zeiderman firm with the questioning primarily conducted by Ms. Kersting, although Ms. O' Grady was present at several hearing days. On April 25, 2022, the hearing concluded with Ms. [REDACTED] withdrawing her cross-family offense petition with prejudice, and with a settlement of the family offense petition.

At the time the [REDACTED] case was before me, I was engaged in a campaign for the seat I currently hold and, on May 9, 2022, in conjunction with my campaign treasurer/manager Stephen Papas, a fundraiser was announced online to be hosted by Retired Appellate Division Justice Jeffrey Cohen, Paul Adler, Esq., a local business leader, and Lisa Zeiderman, Esq., a partner at Miller Zeiderman. Following that announcement, there was one additional appearance in the [REDACTED] case on May 11, after which a temporary custody order was signed giving Mr. [REDACTED] temporary custody and Ms. [REDACTED] supervised visitation.

At some point in the spring of 2022, I was notified by my campaign manager, Stephen Pappas, that Lisa Zeiderman, Esq. Paul Adler, Esq, and Hon Jeffrey Cohen, had discussed with him a joint fundraiser to be held at Lisa Zeiderman's home. To the best of my recollection, I never discussed the fundraiser directly with any of the three hosts directly and was not involved in the planning of the fundraiser other than possibly giving Mr. Pappas names of people to invite and approving the invitation and the date. At that time, I understood that campaign contributions were monitored so that the Chief Clerk would address any cases assigned to a judge where a contribution over \$2,500 was made. I was not at that time aware of the rule regarding campaign fundraisers. When that rule was brought to my attention, I contacted the judicial ethics office for guidance and recused myself with an immediate order recusing and suggesting *de novo* review of any order I issued after the May 9, fundraiser announcement was entered.

On May 20, 2022, a motion was filed by Ms. [REDACTED]'s new attorney (the second of more than a dozen or more attorneys she has retained), who came on board after Mr. Sunshine moved to be relieved as her counsel, seeking my recusal as a result of the announced fundraiser. I reviewed the rules on this issue (with which I was not immediately familiar) and concluded that the application was meritorious, and I should recuse. (I was under the mistaken belief that the restriction on lawyers appearing in front of me related to a campaign was based solely on the amount of the donation which was enforced via the

clerk's office). As noted above, based on the motion and my review of the rule, I immediately contacted the judicial ethics office and asked whether I should vacate any orders I issued post the May 9 fundraising announcement and was told that was not necessary. In an abundance of caution, I conducted a conference and three days after the application was filed, I issued a recusal order, put my conversation with the judicial ethics office on the record and specifically made all post May 9 orders subject to *de novo* review by the next assigned judge.

As to my "relationship" with Ms. O'Grady and Ms. Kersting during this period, the facts are not disputed.

From January 2016 through 2018, Ms. O'Grady was the court attorney for the Hon. Rachel Tanguay, then a Rockland County Family Court Judge and my prior court attorney. Prior to working for Judge Tanguay, Ms. O'Grady had served as the Principal Court Attorney to the Hon. Margaret Garvey, a now retired Supreme Court Justice in the 9th Judicial District, sitting in Rockland County. Accordingly, I was acquainted with Ms. O'Grady as she has been a colleague in the courthouse since my election to Family Court in 2011.

When Ms. O' Grady began working for Judge Tanguay, we had much more regular contact between my chambers staff (which included Ms. Warren and Ms. Krance¹) and the chambers staffs of Judges Tanguay and Cornell (whose law clerk is the Hon. Aimee Pollack, a local town justice). A friendly, collegial relationship developed between the chambers and also with Diane Gould, formerly the Deputy Chief Clerk of the Family Court, now chief clerk of the Orangetown Family court.

In the context of that friendly, collegial work relationship, in or around the end of 2018, Ms. O'Grady invited me, Ms. Warren, Ms. Pollack, Ms. Krance, Ms. Gould and many other of her work and social friends (unknown to me) to join her (at our own expense, of course) for a long weekend in the Dominican Republic to celebrate her 40th birthday. I went on that trip, as did Ms. Warren, Ms. Gould, Ms. Krance and Ms. Pollack- all court employees- and Ms. Eisenberg, Ms. Graff and Ms. Weinberg. Everyone paid their own expenses. Ms. Kersting was also on that trip for two of the four days, although I do not recall socializing with her on the trip.

Shortly after the plans for the Dominican Republic trip were being made, Ms. O'Grady left the Court system and went to work for the law firm of Miller Zeiderman in Westchester. Nevertheless, despite her departure, the trip went forward and, in addition to the above- mentioned invitees, there were approximately twenty other individuals invited by Ms. O'Grady, all of whom I was unfamiliar with except for Ms. O'Grady's sister, Michelle, who owns a local Rockland business and with whom I had slight

¹ Shira Krance started as my assistant (and who is also the daughter of my long time law partner) and became my junior law clerk after attending law school part-time, and graduating. She is now an Associate Court Attorney for Judge Tanguay.

familiarity, and Ashley Kersting a young lawyer at Miller Zeiderman with whom presumably Ms. O'Grady and others were friendly. As noted above, also on that trip were a few local matrimonial attorneys, also friends of Ms. O'Grady, including Ilene Graff, Amy Eisenberg and Christine Weinberg.

Following that trip, I maintained a collegial, friendly relationship with Ms. O'Grady and some of the other trip attendees and was included on group text chat going forward, along with Ms. Krance, Ms. Warren, Ms. Pollack, Ms. Eisenberg, Ms. Graff, Ms. O'Grady, and occasionally Ms. Kersting and/or Ms. Weinberg. This text thread was essentially a vehicle to plan trips under discussion, to send around jokes, and to announce major birthdays, events or deaths. I did not start that group chat and a review of the text chain, which I believe was produced by Ms. Pollak, demonstrates that my participation was relatively limited.

From the time Ms. O'Grady left the court in 2019, to today, my contacts with Ms. O'Grady remain, sporadic, occasional, and superficial. Meaning, that at no time since then have I regularly socialized with Ms. O'Grady, nor can I recall a time where we ever socialized with Ms. O'Grady one on one. I did not and do not speak to Ms. O'Grady on the telephone or via any other means, and other than the group trips and texts discussed herein, I have never vacationed with Ms. O'Grady. It is also of note that Ms. O'Grady did not appear in front of me for two years following her departure from the court system. Neither Ms. Kersting nor Ms. O'Grady are close personal or close social friends of mine.

48. In response to the allegations in paragraph 48, I admit the allegations in paragraph 48.
49. In response to the allegations in paragraph 49, I deny the allegations in paragraph 49.
50. In response to the allegations in paragraph 50 I deny the allegations in paragraph 50 and aver that my campaign manager discussed the fundraiser with the potential hosts and then I discussed it with my manager.
51. In response to the allegations in paragraph 51 I deny the allegations in paragraph 51 and aver that the hosts offered to host the fundraiser they did not "agree" to any request to do so.
52. In response to the allegations in paragraph 52, I admit that on or about May 9, 2022, invitations to a fundraiser were sent by Mr. Papas to several people.
53. In response to the allegations in paragraph 53, I deny the allegations in paragraph 53, except admit that a conference was held on the [REDACTED] matter at which appearance no disclosures were made. I vehemently deny—and frankly take offense at the notion --that any order issued on that date was issued *sua sponte* since the issue of temporary custody and various visitation issues were before the Court for months and were the subject of many hearing days and addressed many times with arguments of counsel and evidence. I also note that this decision has been upheld in various appellate decisions and a subsequent 75-page decision granting Mr. [REDACTED] custody and detailing all the substantial and sound reasons for such a determination. That decision can, I am sure, be

made available to the Commission on request, and gives quite the extensive history of Ms. [REDACTED]'s interactions with others and the Court.

54. In response to the allegations in paragraph 54, I incorporate herein my responses to paragraphs 45-53 and admit that an Order was entered on or about May 17, 2022, addressing temporary custody and an order of protection.
55. In response to the allegations in paragraph 55, I admit the allegations in paragraph 55.
56. In response to the allegations in paragraph 56, I admit the allegations in paragraph 56.
57. In response to the allegations in paragraph 57, I admit the allegations in paragraph 57.
58. In response to the allegations in paragraph 58, I admit the allegations in paragraph 58 and refer to the discussion in the preceding paragraphs for the basis for why I did not believe such a disclosure was required.,
59. In response to the allegations in paragraph 59, I deny the allegations in paragraph 59 and aver that:

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60. In response to the allegations in paragraph 60, I admit the allegations in paragraph 60 and aver that no motion was made for my recusal and Mr. [REDACTED]'s statement along with his other antagonistic comments did not constitute an appropriate application, nor is recusal mandatory in such situations.
61. In response to the allegations in paragraph 61, I admit the allegations in paragraph 61.
62. In response to the allegations in paragraph 62, I admit the allegations in paragraph 62.
63. In response to the allegations in paragraph 63, I admit that Mr. [REDACTED] uttered the words alleged and deny that this constitutes a motion to recuse. Indeed Mr. [REDACTED] also thought I should recuse because I was a "racist, jew, terrorist", also not an appropriate motion, and which is precisely how he coerced the prior judge into recusing. I further note that disclosure was made to Mr. [REDACTED] at the very first appearance, Mr. [REDACTED] obtained counsel for subsequent appearances and his counsel was aware of the relationship between Ms. Warren and Mr. Warren and the prior disclosure made to Mr. [REDACTED] and did not make any motion for recusal, but rather ultimately withdrew as counsel for Mr. [REDACTED] due to his abusive behavior.
64. In response to the allegations in paragraph 64, I admit the allegations in paragraph 64.
65. In response to the allegations in paragraph 65, I deny the allegations in paragraph 65 and aver that the charge relating to Mr. [REDACTED] should be dismissed as utterly without merit.

Personal History/Mitigating Circumstances

I respectfully ask the Commission to consider the following personal history and mitigating circumstances when determining the proper disposition of this case.

- Personal History and Unblemished Reputation. My personal history is relevant in terms of my motivation for becoming first, a Family Court Judge and then a Supreme Court Justice and my dedication to the task along with my commitment to the responsibility that comes with these positions.

I was born in Queens; given up for adoption at birth; and spent time before my adoption in foster care. In both foster care and in my adopted home, I experienced abuse. I left home when I was 15; got a job and an apartment; and finished high school as an emancipated minor.

I then worked my way through college at New York University (NYU) with the help of academic scholarships and financial aid. While at NYU, I was drawn to social justice issues; involved in student government and activism. I started the first Big Brother Big Sister Program at NYU. I worked with severely developmentally disabled children and read to blind students who were attending college and law school. I attended New York Law School at night, working full-time during all four years including a year and a half in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. I graduated in the top 10% of my law school class, was on Law Review and was the winner of various intramural and regional Moot Court competitions. I received multiple offers for post-law school employment from many of the largest firms in the country.

I ultimately worked for Mudge Rose and Kaye Scholer, and in between, was offered and completed a federal clerkship with the Honorable Warren W. Eginton, United States District Judge in the District of Connecticut. While at Kaye Scholer, I received my first exposure to family law because of the pro bono work I handled for the Sanctuary for Families and other organizations representing victims of domestic violence. I was designated the lead associate for pro bono at the firm.

From 1993 to 2008, I taught at New York Law School as an adjunct Professor of Law. I ultimately left Kaye Scholer, despite being told that I had excellent chances for partnership, and took a job at a smaller firm, for significantly less money, because I did not see myself long-term as a corporate lawyer. I joined a small law firm where I ultimately became partner and developed a robust commercial, intellectual property and employment litigation practice but where I could also practice family law – some for paying clients and some pro bono. At this time, I also began volunteering with Unlocking Futures, Inc., an intensive mentoring program working with children at risk, which I still do to this day.

In 1998, I moved to Rockland County with my late partner but continued practicing law at my firm in New York City (NYC). Part of the reason for my move from NYC to Rockland was based on plans of becoming a foster parent for young children in the foster care system, however these plans were derailed when my partner suddenly died one year later. I spent the next number of years focused on my work in NYC and working with the Unlocking Futures, Inc mentoring program which I did for more than 16 years.

My current spouse and I adopted our son, when he was an infant 2005, from Guatemala. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Around this time, I started spending more time in Rockland County and as my son got older,

became more involved in my local community, meeting more people and representing some local clients. I began to consider the possibility of becoming a Family Court Judge sometime in the future. To that end, I also became somewhat more involved in local civic affairs. In or about 2009, I joined my local Democratic Committee. From 2010 to 2012, I was a member of the Clarkstown Democratic Committee.

In 2010, one of Rockland's Family Court Judges ran for Supreme Court and won, thus opening up a Family Court seat to which I was elected.

I worked hard to get where I am today. I practiced law for more than twenty-two years prior to assuming the bench without any issue and I am proud to say I enjoyed then, and continue to enjoy today, an unblemished reputation for honesty and integrity. In fact, I have never been sanctioned by any Court. Nor do I have any disciplinary history. (I acknowledge that I have received two private letters of dismissal with a caution from the Commission approximately 10 years ago and aver that neither of these letters relate to any issues presented herein and none of the issues addressed in these letters have recurred.

I am married and the proud mother of a twenty-year old son who is currently a sophomore at New York University.

In 2014, I was appointed Acting Supreme Court Justice with the full support of the Rockland County Bar Association and the Rockland County Women's Bar Association. I was also appointed to preside over the Integrated Domestic Violence Part, the Family Treatment Court, assigned to the Attorneys for the Children Committee for the Ninth Judicial District; designated the back-up judge to the Supervising Family Court Judge for the Ninth Judicial District to hear off-hour emergencies, chaired the committee which supervises the Family Court Children's Center and designated as a member of the Raise the Age Implementation Committee. In 2016, I was assigned to preside over a full supreme court calendar as well as the IDV part which I did until my election to the supreme court in 2023. I currently sit as a Supreme Court Justice sitting in Orange County for the next year or two.

I have been devoted to and have developed a reputation as a hard-working, committed and fair and respectful jurist; rarely taking sick days and often holding conferences and working during lunch times and late hours.

• Community Service. I have always been and continue to be involved in and devoted to both civic and legal activities in the community.

From 1982 to 1985, I worked for AHRC as a Coordinator of Project Development and Residential Case Manager. I volunteered as an arbitrator in Small Claims Court of the City of New York from 1998 to 2011.

From 1996-2012 volunteered with Unlocking Futures, Inc. (formerly New York Youth at Risk) a non-profit which provides a trauma-informed, evidence-based intensive intervention and prevention mentoring program for young people at risk and the people who live and work with them. I have held several volunteer positions with this organization, including legal counsel, mentor, member of the Board of Directors and Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Between 2001 and 2006 and again between 2012 and 2016, I served first as a member, and then as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Explore Charter School Network which is an independent, non-profit charter school and network serving students in grades K-8 in under-served and poorly performing districts.

Between 2005 and 2009, I was a member of the Board of Directors of the NYC LGBT Community Center.

As a part of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, from 2007 to 2009, I was a member on the Committee on the State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction, which is involved in analysis and consideration of all issues related to the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Divisions and Court of Appeals, including evaluation of potential court nominees and candidates.

My commitment to working with youth and families did not end when I assumed the Family Court bench. It is evidenced by the work I have done and the programs I have created since taking the bench in 2012. My reputation is that I never say "No" when asked to participate in something new to help children or to improve the operations of the Court. To that end, after leaving the Board of Directors, I brought the above referenced evidence-based, trauma-informed intensive mentoring program to Rockland County to help youth in foster care and the juvenile justice system who are at risk. Additionally, after identifying a need, I worked with the Mental Health Association of Rockland County to set up a program for children with school aversion issues and phobias.

I have worked closely with various Rockland County agencies to help develop the Partnership for Safe Youth collaborative to keep children in school and out of the court system. I have worked as a Court Improvement Project lead Judge for Rockland County and ultimately gained status for Rockland County as a part of the Court Improvement Program, allowing the County to participate in pilot programs for children in foster care. I created a program with the Legal Services for the Hudson Valley and the Center for Safety and Change to assist indigent litigants with the filing of petitions at the courthouse.

In an effort to provide training to attorneys on the Assigned Counsel 18B Panel, I have organized and created CLE programs that focus on trial skills in Domestic Violence cases.

I have regularly hosted groups of children in the Courthouse and participate in presentations for children involved in the Youth Police Initiative.

I have served for eight years on the Rockland County Pride Center's Board of Directors and also served for several years on the Board of Directors of Rockland 21C, a youth focused organization, and am collaborating with various agencies on a new CLE program for lawyers and other initiatives to better serve litigants and the community.

I was unanimously nominated to receive the 2018 Rockland County Women's Bar Association's Belle Mayer Zeck award for outstanding service and, in 2022, the New York State Women's Bar Association Judith S. Kaye Equal Access to Justice Award.

Through all of my community, civic and charitable works as well as my work on court access and other issues I have formed collegial relationships with many attorneys in the county some

who appear in front of me and those who don't... as is true for many, many judges. None of those relationships are amongst the kinds of relationships that, in my opinion, require disclosure.

- Character References. If needed, I intend to present testimony from character witnesses and submit several letters from colleagues, clients and friends, to demonstrate that I have a reputation for honesty and integrity in the community and as a hard-working, committed, patient and fair person and jurist. In addition, I intend to present attorney witnesses who appeared in many of these cases to testify about the nature of the relationship with me, the knowledge of Mr. and Ms. Warren's relationship and her insulation
- Cooperation/Corrective Action. I have made every effort to fully and transparently cooperate with the Commission's investigation. I voluntarily agreed to provide documents and appeared to give testimony without requiring a subpoena. I fully and consistently admitted and owned up to the facts. In addition, I have made modifications to my chambers and practice to avoid this issue again: to wit, my part rules now bear the current statement in bold letters:

Counsel and parties are advised that Judge Eisenpress' Principal Court Attorney, Dara Warren is the spouse of a partner at the firm of Rosenblatt Warren LLC and as such, she is cordoned off from any matters on which this firm is attorney of record. Counsel/parties are directed to refrain from contacting Ms. Warren or including her on correspondence regarding such cases.

Additionally, disclosures will be made on the record in all cases involving Rosenblatt Warren LLP whether or not the lawyers on the case are already well aware of the relationship.

Relevant Ethics Opinions

I primarily evaluated whether I was required to disclose the nature of my relationship with attorneys Siobhan O'Grady, Amy Eisenberg, Ilene Graff, and Ashley Kersting, based upon Ethics Opinion 11-125. As noted in the Opinion, the presiding judge is ordinarily in the best position to assess whether his/her impartiality might reasonably be questioned when an attorney whom the judge knows socially, with whom the judge is acquainted, or whom the judge considers a friend appears before him/her.

In said Opinion, there are several categories discussed including an "acquaintance", "close social relationship", and "close personal relationship"- each carrying their own attendant responsibilities regarding the issue of disclosure.

In reviewing the various factors set forth in the opinion, I did not believe that my relationship with attorneys Siobhan O'Grady, Ashley Kersting, Amy Eisenberg, Chris Weinberg or Ilene Graff fell within the definition of "close social relationship" or "close personal relationship." In my situation, I had never been to these attorney's home to socialize (other than Ms. O'Grady's home to hear a medium/fortune teller); did not dine with them and their spouses/partners and did not participate in any family related activities. I did not speak to them on the phone, and did not share confidences with them about my personal life. Indeed, with the exception of the group trips

(at which the majority of the attendees consisted of court employees) my contact with the aforementioned attorneys were at group gatherings at which we both happened to be invited by other individuals such as Dara Warren, Shira Krance and Aimee Pollack or public bar association events or public charitable gatherings.

Nevertheless, although I disagree with the assertion that disclosures should have been made regarding the Mexico trips, in an abundance of caution, a trip for 2024 with the same group was cancelled and everyone's money is retained at the resort for each of person to use any time, either in a group or individually.

With respect to the disclosure of Ms. Warren's relationship with her husband, David Warren, I refer to Opinion 21-29. As an initial matter, I take full responsibility for the failure to continue to place on the record my law clerk's relationship, notwithstanding the fact that the attorneys involved had actual knowledge of same. This was clearly in error, and as I have stated above and below, steps have been taken address this failure.

Notwithstanding this failure, there is no doubt that I have complied with the requirements of insulation, as set forth in Opinion 23-117, which requirements of insulation precludes the law clerk from participating in the proceedings, including conferencing cases, performing substantive legal research and drafting decisions. Here, there is no question that this was done. On less than a handful occasions, it appears that Ms. Warren either uploaded a document to the NYSCEF system or forwarded an email she received to other persons so that they could address the inquiries, as she was insulated from doing so. On these very limited occasions when no other staff person was available, I relied upon Opinion 02-49, which found communications regarding notifying parties of an upcoming conference date to be ministerial and administrative in nature. I believed that uploading a NYSCEF document to be the equivalent to that and not prohibited by the rule due to the ministerial nature but to the extent that the Commission finds that not to be the case, I will undergo efforts to ensure that this happens on no occasion going forward.

WHEREFORE, I fervently hope and pray that the Commission will consider all of the foregoing facts and circumstances, when and if taking any further action in accordance with its powers under the Constitution and the Judiciary Law of the State of New York.

Dated: August 20, 2025
Rockland County, New York

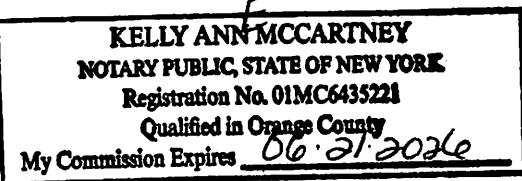


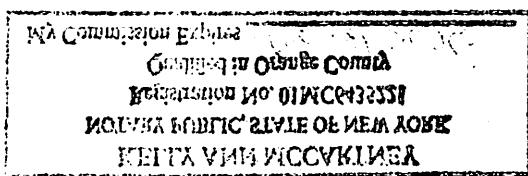
SHERRI L. EISENPRESS

Sworn to before me on this 20th
day of August 2025.



Kelly Ann McCartney
NOTARY PUBLIC





STATE OF NEW YORK
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In the Matter of the Proceeding
Pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4,
of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

SHERRI L. EISENPRESS,

a Justice of the Supreme Court,
9th Judicial District, Rockland County.

Judge's Home Address

In the event that a determination of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is made in the above matter requiring transmittal to the Chief Judge and service upon the judge in accordance with Judiciary Law § 44, subd. 7, the Court of Appeals has asked the Commission to provide the judge's home address.

Judge's Home Address /

Request and Authorization to Notify Judge's Attorney of Determination

In the event that a determination of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is made in the above matter requiring transmittal to the Chief Judge and service upon me in accordance with Judiciary Law § 44, subd. 7, the undersigned judge or justice:

(1) requests and authorizes the Chief Judge to cause a copy of my notification letter and a copy of the determination to be sent to my attorney(s) by mail:

Attorney's Name, Address, Telephone

(2) requests and authorizes the Clerk of the Commission to transmit this request to the Chief Judge together with the other required papers.

This request and authorization shall remain in force unless and until a revocation in writing by the undersigned judge or justice is received by the Commission.

Dated: 8/29/2025

Received by the Commission

Signature of Judge or Justice

Acknowledgment:

Signature of Attorney for Judge or Justice

SEND TO: Clerk of the Commission
State Commission on Judicial Conduct
61 Broadway, Suite 1200
New York, New York 10006

EXHIBIT C



New York State Unified Court System

New York State Supreme Court • 9th Judicial District (Orange County)

Hon. Sherri L. Eisenpress, J.S.C

January 29, 2026

BY EMAIL AND MAIL

Hon. Joseph A. Zayas
Chief Administrative Judge
New York State Unified Court System
Office of Court Administration
25 Beaver Street
New York, New York 10004

Dear Chief Administrative Judge Zayas:

I have decided to retire from the bench and, as required by law, hereby give notice of my resignation from judicial office, effective the close of business, April 28, 2026.

For nearly fifteen years, I have had the privilege of serving the people of the State of New York, beginning with my election to the Rockland County Family Court in 2011, followed by service since 2014 as an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, and, since 2023 as an elected Justice of the Supreme Court, Ninth Judicial District.

Public service has reinforced for me that the strength of a democratic society lies in the fairness of its systems and the restraint of those entrusted with authority. Courts derive legitimacy from independence of judgment, equal application of the law, and fidelity to process, particularly when the matters before them are complicated or deeply contested. These commitments are not theoretical. They are the daily work of maintaining public confidence in the rule of law.

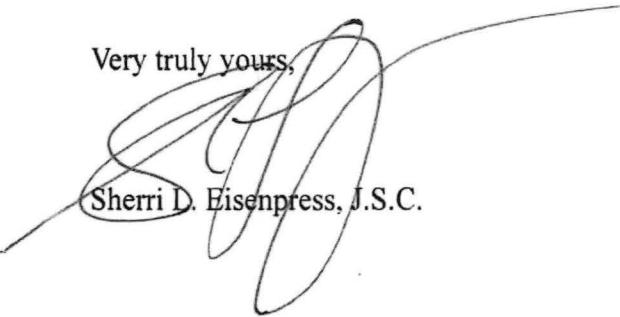
During my tenure, I was mindful of the responsibility that comes with expanding access to justice and strengthening public trust in the courts. I was honored to serve as the first openly lgbtq+ judge elected in the Ninth Judicial District, a milestone that reflected not only personal visibility but institutional progress. I am particularly proud of my role in creating the Rockland County Criminal Domestic Violence HUB Court; my work with the Equal Access to Justice Committee; my leadership of the implementation of the Raise the Age legislature; my development of a youth mentoring program with Rockland BOCES and presiding over the Integrated Domestic Violence Part; the Youth Part and the Family Treatment Court at various times over these many years, all grounding my belief that courts

must be accessible, responsive, and fair to all who rely on them. I believe I leave the bench with a reputation commensurate with that belief.

After careful reflection, I have nevertheless concluded that this is the appropriate moment to retire. Courts, like all enduring institutions, must hold fast to their core values while allowing space for renewal. I step aside with confidence in the professionalism, independence, and resilience of New York's judiciary.

I am deeply grateful to my colleagues on the bench, to the court staff, and to the many public servants whose work sustains the daily administration of justice. It has been an honor to serve.

Very truly yours,


Sherri D. Eisenpress, J.S.C.