

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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

**WILLIAM ALAN HOHAUSER,**

**STIPULATION**

a Judge of the District Court,  
Nassau County.

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Conduct, and the Honorable William Alan Hohauser (“Respondent”) and his attorney Seth H. Agata, of The Law Firm of César de Castro, P.C.:

1. Respondent was admitted to the practice of law in New York in 1986. He has been a Judge of the District Court, Nassau County, since 2016. Respondent’s current term expires on December 31, 2027.

2. Respondent was served with an Amended Formal Written Complaint dated March 13, 2025, alleging that (A) on numerous occasions between February 2023 and May 2024, he made offensive or otherwise inappropriate comments to various Nassau County Assistant District Attorneys and a court employee, and (B) he did so notwithstanding having been issued a Letter of Dismissal and Caution by the Commission in May 2022, *inter alia* for making inappropriate remarks to attorneys.

3. Respondent filed an Answer dated March 31, 2025.

4. Respondent will enroll in the online programs offered by the Office of Court Administration entitled “Maintaining Respect and Civility in the Workplace” and “Say What You Mean the Right Way.” Respondent commits to completing both programs before June 10, 2025.

5. In lieu of further proceedings, Respondent has notified the Chief Administrative Judge by the appended letter (Exhibit A) that he will resign from office on December 31, 2025. Respondent will submit the appropriate papers to the Office of Court Administration and the New York State and Local Retirement System in a timely manner as prescribed by law, to effect his retirement effective January 1, 2026, and relinquish judicial office on December 31, 2025.

6. In December 2023, after most of the events set forth in the Formal Written Complaint had occurred, the Office of Court Administration reassigned Respondent from a criminal part to a landlord-tenant part. Both Respondent and the Administrator recommend that, for the remainder of his tenure as a judge, Respondent not be returned to a criminal part.

7. Pursuant to Section 47 of the Judiciary Law, the Commission may continue with proceedings against a judge who has resigned and, if it so determines, render and file a determination that the judge should be removed from

office. Pursuant to Article VI, section 22(h) of the Constitution, a judge who is removed from office “shall be ineligible to hold other judicial office.”

8. Respondent affirms that he will vacate his judicial office at the close of business on December 31, 2025, and he will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future.

9. Respondent understands that, should he abrogate the terms of this Stipulation and hold any judicial position at any time in the future, the present proceedings before the Commission will be revived and the matter may proceed to a hearing before a referee, or the Commission may summarily determine that he should be removed from office pursuant to 22 NYCRR 7000.6(c).

10. 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 concluded, by the terms of this Stipulation, without further proceedings.

11. 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: 5/2/2025



**Honorable William A. Hohauser**  
Respondent

Dated:  
5/2/25



**Seth H. Agata**  
The Law Firm of César de Castro, P.C.  
Attorney for Respondent

Dated: May 2, 2025



**Robert H. Tembeckjian**  
Administrator & Counsel to the Commission  
(**Mark Levine** and **Stella Gilliland**, Of Counsel)

# EXHIBIT A

Hon. William Alan Hohauser  
Judge, District Court  
County of Nassau

May 2, 2025

Via Email: [REDACTED]

Honorable Joseph A. Zayas  
Chief Administrative Judge  
Office of Court Administration  
25 Beaver Street  
New York, New York 10004

Dear Chief Administrative Judge Zayas:

Please be advised that I will resign from judicial office on December 31, 2025. I will submit a formal resignation letter and the appropriate papers to the Office of Court Administration and the New York State and Local Retirement System in a timely manner as prescribed by law, to effect my retirement effective January 1, 2026, and relinquish judicial office on December 31, 2025.

Very truly yours,



William Alan Hohauser  
Judge of the District Court, Nassau County