

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

**VERIFIED ANSWER**

**WALTER W. JONES,**

a Justice of the Canandaigua Town Court,  
Ontario County.

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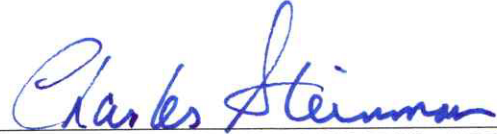
WALTER W. JONES, by his attorney, Charles D. Steinman, Esq., PLLC, as and for his  
Verified Answer to the Formal Written Complaint herein, alleges as follows:

1. Paragraph 1 of the Formal Written Complaint consists of a statement of the law and, as such, requires no response. To the extent that a response is required, Judge Jones refers to the Constitution of the State of New York for the full and accurate contents thereof.
2. Admits the allegations contained in paragraphs 4, 9, 10 and 11.
3. Admits the allegations contained in paragraph 6 except so much of said paragraph which alleges that Judge Jones himself referred to a Black man as "Nigger Henry", which is denied, and affirmatively asserts that Judge Jones stated in that conversation that that was the manner in which his father referred to the individual in question, not Judge Jones himself.
4. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs 3, 5, 7, 8 and 12.
5. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraphs 2 of the Formal Written Complaint, as well

as each and every other allegation of the Formal Written Complaint to which a response has not heretofore been interposed.

WHEREFORE, Respondent demands that the Formal Written Complaint be dismissed, together with such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Dated: April 19, 2025



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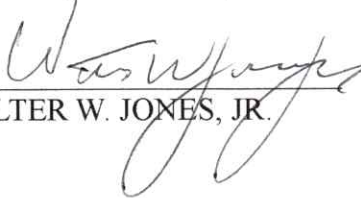
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**VERIFICATION**

WALTER W. JONES, JR., being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Respondent in this action. I have read the foregoing Verified Answer and know the contents thereof. The same are true to my knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, the presentation of these papers or the contentions therein are not frivolous as defined in subsection (c) of section 130-1.1 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator (22 NYCRR).

  
WALTER W. JONES, JR.

Sworn to before me this

21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025

  
Notary Public

**CHARLES D. STEINMAN**  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 02ST4609174  
Qualified in Monroe County  
Commission Expires October 31, 2025