

STATE OF NEW YORK
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In the Matter of the Investigation of Complaints
Pursuant to Section 44, subdivisions 1 and 2,
of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

ERIC T. SWARTZ,

STIPULATION

a Judge of the Watertown City Court,
Jefferson 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 Eric T. Swartz and his attorney, Paul G. Ferrara, of Costello Cooney & Fearon, PLLC:

1. Eric T. Swartz was admitted to the practice of law in New York in 1994. He has been a Judge of the Watertown City Court, Jefferson County, since January 1, 2021, having previously served as the Watertown Town Justice, Jefferson County, from January 2020 until January 1, 2021. His current term expires on December 31, 2026.

2. In April 2024, the Commission apprised Judge Swartz that it was investigating a complaint alleging that he was suffering from a condition that interfered with his ability to perform his judicial duties.

3. Judge Swartz has tendered his letter of resignation, a copy of which is annexed as Exhibit 1, stating that he will vacate judicial office at the close of business on December 31, 2025.

4. 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."

5. Judge Swartz 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.

6. Judge Swartz 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 would be revived, he would be served with a Formal Written Complaint, and the matter would proceed to a hearing before a referee.

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

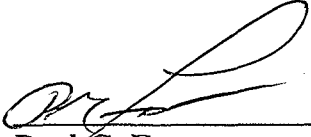
8. Judge Swartz waives confidentiality as provided by Section 45 of the Judiciary Law, to the extent that (A) this Stipulation will become public upon being signed by the signatories below, and (B) the Commission's Decision and Order regarding this Stipulation will become public.

Dated: December 1, 2025



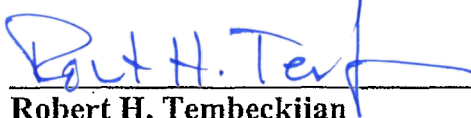
Honorable Eric T. Swartz

Dated: *Dec 1, 2025*



Paul G. Ferrara
Costello Cooney & Fearon, PLLC
Attorney for Judge Swartz

Dated: December 2, 2025



Robert H. Tembeckjian
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Of Counsel)

EXHIBIT 1

Date: December 1, 2025

Sarah V. C. Pierce
Mayor, City of Watertown
245 Washington Street, Room 302
Watertown, New York 13601
e-mail: [REDACTED]


Dear Ms. Pierce:

I am writing to inform you that I am resigning from the position of City Court Judge for the City of Watertown, effective December 31, 2025.

It has been a privilege to serve as City Court Judge.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve my community.

Sincerely,


Eric T. Swartz

cc: (2)
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Chief Administrative Judge
New York State Unified Court System
25 Beaver Street
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