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New York City Civil Court Judge Resigns After Complaints of Poor Demeanor, Threats of Retaliation, Impermissible Practice of Law

Louis L. Nock, a Judge of the New York City Civil Court, has resigned and agreed never to return to the bench, in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings before the Commission on Judicial Conduct as to complaints that he demeaned court staff, threatened lawyers and witnesses with retaliatory criminal and professional complaints, and impermissibly practiced law while serving as a full-time judge.¹

Judge Nock was served with three Formal Written Complaints – in July 2024, January 2025 and May 2025 – alleging that:

- He often acted in a rude, demeaning and otherwise unprofessional manner toward court staff; and
- He threatened to file attorney grievance complaints against Commission staff and witnesses, and to file a criminal complaint against another witness, unless the charges against him were dismissed.

¹ A resignation stipulation was executed on August 14, 2025. The Commission issued an order accepting it on September 18, 2025. The judge's resignation was effective September 2, 2025.

The Commission also advised Judge Nock that it was investigating complaints alleging that:

- He had provided legal services to clients in other states, notwithstanding the prohibition of full-time judges practicing law; and
- He was improperly using his judicial title in his personal email address.

Judge Nock denies all of the allegations of misconduct. He filed two motions to dismiss the charges, which the Commission denied. Thereafter, he agreed to resign and never return to the bench.

Judge Nock served as a New York City Civil Court Judge since 2015. His current term would have expired on December 31, 2034.

The resignation stipulation can be found on the Commission's website:
www.cjc.ny.gov.

Statement by Commission Administrator

Commission Administrator Robert H. Tembeckjian made the following statement.

“The underlying complaints against Judge Nock were serious, and the complaints alleging retaliation were especially troubling. His permanent departure from the bench is an appropriate resolution to these matters.”

Statistics Relating to Prior Commission Decisions

The Commission has accepted 154 such stipulations since the procedure was instituted in 2003.

Since 1978, the Commission has issued 289 determinations of admonition against judges in New York State, 357 determinations of censure and 185 determinations of removal.

The Court of Appeals has reviewed 102 Commission determinations. The results are available on the Commission's website at “[Appealed Decisions](#).”

Counsel

Judge Nock was represented by Malcolm S. Taub, 215 Lexington Avenue, Suite 902, New York, New York 10016, (212) 265-8600.

The Commission was represented by Deputy Administrator Mark Levine, Principal Attorneys Melissa DiPalo and Vickie Ma and Investigator Hamza Khan.

Background Information on Judge Nock

First took office:	2015
Current term expires:	December 31, 2034
Year Admitted to NYS Bar:	1992

Members of the Commission

The Commission members serve four-year terms. A list of members is noted below.

The Public File

The stipulation and order are attached.

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