

#### NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

ROBERT H. TEMBECKJIAN ADMINISTRATOR & COUNSEL

MARISA E. HARRISON PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

CORNING TOWER, SUITE 2301 EMPIRE STATE PLAZA ALBANY, NEW YORK 12223

518-453-4600 518-299-1757 TELEPHONE FACSIMILE www.cjc.ny.gov

# **NEWS RELEASE**

March 18, 2025

Contact:

Marisa E. Harrison, Public Information Officer (518) 453-4600

# **Town Justice in Westchester County Resigns While Under Investigation**

Bonnie L. Orden, a Justice of the Greenburgh Town Court, Westchester County, resigned while under investigation by the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

In January 2025, the Commission apprised Judge Orden that it was investigating complaints alleging that she had developed a medical condition which interfered with her ability to fully perform select judicial duties.

Judge Orden agreed to leave office May 31, 2025, and never to seek or accept judicial office at any time in the future. The Commission accepted a stipulation to that effect signed by the judge, her attorney and the Commission's Administrator.<sup>1</sup>

Judge Orden waived the statutory provision of confidentiality applicable to Commission proceedings, to the limited extent that the stipulation and Commission's order accepting it would be public.

Judge Orden, who is an attorney, has been a Justice of Greenburgh Town Court since 2017. Her current term would have expired on December 31, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Stipulation was signed on March 7, 2025. The Commission issued an order accepting it on March 13, 2025.

The stipulation and the Commission's order 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 Judicial Conduct Commission has authority not only to investigate complaints of ethical misconduct but also allegations that a judge is physically or mentally unable to perform the duties of judicial office. Judge Orden accepted that it was time to step down, and we wish her well in her new endeavors."

#### **Statistics Relating to Prior Commission Decisions**

The Commission has accepted 149 such permanent resignation stipulations since the procedure was instituted in 2003.

Since 1978, the Commission has also issued 288 determinations of admonition against judges in New York State, 352 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**

In the proceedings before the Commission, Judge Orden was represented by Deborah A. Scalise, of Scalise & Hamilton, P.C., 111 Brook Street, Suite 202, Scarsdale, New York 10583, (914) 725-2801.

The Commission was represented by Deputy Administrator Mark Levine, Staff Attorney Stella Gilliland and Investigator Hamza Khan.

#### **Background Information on Judge Orden**

First took office: 2017

Current term expires: December 31, 2025

Year Admitted to NYS Bar: 1982

## **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.

# MEMBERS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Member	Appointing Authority	Term End
Joseph W. Belluck, Esq., Chair	Governor Kathy Hochul	March 31, 2028
Taa Grays, Esq., Vice Chair	Senate President Pro Tem Andrea Stewart-Cousins	March 31, 2027
Hon. Fernando M. Camacho	Chief Judge Rowan Wilson	March 31, 2028
Stefano Cambareri, Esq.	Assembly Minority Leader William A. Barclay	March 31, 2025
Brian C. Doyle, Esq.	Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ortt	March 31, 2028
Hon. John A. Falk	Former Chief Judge Janet DiFiore	March 31, 2025
Hon. Robert J. Miller	Governor Kathy Hochul	March 31, 2026
Nina M. Moore, Ph.D.	Governor Kathy Hochul	March 31, 2027
Marvin Ray Raskin, Esq.	Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie	March 31, 2026
Hon. Anil C. Singh	Chief Judge Rowan Wilson	March 31, 2026
Akosua Garcia Yeboah	Former Governor Andrew M. Cuomo	March 31, 2025