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Supreme Court Justice in Rockland County, Charged with Conflicts of Interest, Agrees to Leave Office

Sherri L. Eisenpress, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Ninth Judicial District, Rockland County – who was charged with misconduct by the Commission on Judicial Conduct for failing to disclose personal relationships and other conflicts with numerous attorneys who appeared before her – has agreed to retire and never return to the bench.¹

In August 2025, Judge Eisenpress was served with formal disciplinary charges, alleging as follows:

- From 2019 to 2024, she presided over at least 55 cases involving attorneys with whom she maintained close personal and social relationships, and failed to disclose those relationships or to recuse herself;
- From 2016 to 2025, she presided over at least 41 cases involving the law firm of her principal law clerk's spouse, and failed to disclose the relationship and to insulate law clerk from involvement in those cases;

¹ A resignation stipulation, executed on January 28, 2026, was accepted by the Commission on January 29. Judge Eisenpress submitted a formal resignation letter dated January 29, 2026, to the Chief Administrative Judge, as required by law. Her retirement is effective April 28, 2026.

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- In 2022, she presided over a matrimonial matter in which the lawyer for one party was co-hosting a fundraiser for her judicial campaign. The judge issued a temporary custody order in favor of the attorney's client, and only recused herself from the matter after the defendant's attorney sought her disqualification due to the relationship; and
- In 2024, she presided over a matter in which a party was represented by her law clerk's husband, she denied a request that she disqualify herself, and later stepped aside for unrelated reasons.

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

Judge Eisenpress has served as a Justice of the Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District, Rockland County, since 2023, having previously served as a Judge of the Family Court from 2012 to 2022, and an Acting Supreme Court Justice in Rockland County, from 2014 to 2022. Her current term would have expired on December 31, 2036.

The 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.

“For the public to have confidence in the courts, judges must be and appear to be impartial. That means stepping aside from cases where they have clear conflicts, and disclosing arguably disqualifying conflicts so the parties have an opportunity to ask that the judge step aside. The allegations against Judge Eisenpress were serious, and her permanent departure from office is appropriate.”

Statistics Relating to Prior Commission Decisions

The Commission has accepted 161 such permanent resignation stipulations since the procedure was instituted in 2003.

Since 1978, the Commission has also issued 291 determinations of admonition against judges in New York State, 358 determinations of censure and 185 determinations of removal.

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

Counsel

Judge Eisenpress was represented by Beth B. Finkelstein of the Law Office of Beth Finkelstein, P.C., 337 North Main Street, Suite 2 New City, New York 10956, (845) 499-2331.

The Commission was represented by Deputy Administrator Mark H. Levine, Principal Attorneys Pamela Tishman and Vickie Ma, Staff Attorney Adam Kahan, and Investigator Annie Hagerty.

Background Information on Judge Eisenpress

First took office (Supreme Court):	2023
Current term expires:	December 31, 2036
Prior Judicial Experience:	
Family Court:	2012 - 2022
Acting Supreme Court:	2014 - 2022
Year Admitted to Bar:	1990

Members of the Commission

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

The Public File

The stipulation and order are attached.

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