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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Town Court Justice in St. Lawrence County Resigns After Multiple Charges of Misconduct**

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Kevin E. Fiske, a Justice of the Stockholm Town Court, St. Lawrence County, resigned from office after being charged with multiple acts of misconduct by the Commission on Judicial Conduct. He was accused among other things of engaging in unauthorized *ex parte* communications and dismissing cases without notice to or consent of the prosecution, posting content to his public Facebook page that reflected bias, and using the prestige of his judicial office to promote his private business interests. He agreed never to return to the bench.<sup>1</sup>

In December 2025, Judge Fiske was served with formal disciplinary charges, alleging as follows:

- In nine cases, he engaged in unauthorized *ex parte* conversations with defendants and, in each instance, dismissed or reduced the charges without notice to or the consent of the prosecution. In one proceeding, he stated on the record, “And, I’m on the record- I’ll probably get in trouble for that but, I don’t care. What are they going to do to me, right?”

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<sup>1</sup> A resignation stipulation, executed on February 9, 2026, was accepted by the Commission on March 12. Judge Fiske resigned from effective February 20.

- He posted inappropriate content on his public Facebook page that, among other things, demonstrated bias against transgender individuals and denigrated the law, such as:
  - “Teach your daughters to shoot because a restraining order is just a piece of paper,” and
  - “Laws do not stop evil men. Good men stop evil men.”
- On the official Stockholm Town Court website, he included descriptions of his two private businesses, and on his business’s Facebook page he repeatedly referenced his judicial position.

Judge Fiske 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 Fiske, who is not an attorney, has served as a Justice of the Stockholm Town Court since April 2023. His current term would have expired on December 31, 2027.

The stipulation can be found on the Commission’s website: [www.cjc.ny.gov](http://www.cjc.ny.gov).

### **Statement by Commission Administrator**

Commission Administrator Robert H. Tembeckjian made the following statement.

“Public confidence in a fair and impartial court is undermined when the judge decides a case after hearing one side without notice to the other. Nor does it promote respect for the law when a judge endorses vigilantism. Neither does it enhance judicial integrity when a judge casually intermixes official and personal business.”

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

The Commission has accepted 163 such permanent resignation stipulations since the procedure was instituted in 2003.

Since 1978, the Commission has also issued 292 determinations of admonition against judges in New York State, 360 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 Fiske was represented by Stefan L. Dufresne, 256 Main Street, Massena, New York 13662, (315) 276-5556.

The Commission was represented by Deputy Administrator Cathleen S. Cenci, Staff Attorney Shruti Joshi, and Principal Investigator Ryan Fitzpatrick.

**Background Information on Judge Fiske**

First took office:	2023
Current term expires:	December 31, 2027

**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**

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Hon. John A. Falk	Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson	March 31, 2029
Hon. David Fried	Governor Kathy Hochul	March 31, 2030
Robin Chappelle Golston	Governor Kathy Hochul	March 31, 2029
Nina M. Moore, Ph.D.	Governor Kathy Hochul	March 31, 2027
Hon. Peter H. Moulton	Chief Judge Rowan D. Wilson	March 31, 2030
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