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Town Court Justice in Oneida County Resigns While Under Investigation for Driving with Suspended License and Gratuitously Invoking His Judicial Title with Police

Daniel L. Furney, a Justice of the Lee Town Court, Oneida County, has resigned while under investigation by the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct for driving with a suspended license and invoking his judicial title for personal purposes in interactions with police.

In November 2025, the Commission notified Judge Furney that it was investigating a complaint alleging that he had operated a motor vehicle while his driver's license was suspended and, in two separate incidents, gratuitously invoked his judicial title during encounters with police: once during a traffic stop and once in a parking lot.

Judge Furney was scheduled to appear at the Commission's office on February 3, 2026, to testify about the matter. Instead, he resigned effective January 30, 2026, and agreed 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, his attorney, and the Commission's Administrator.¹

Judge Furney 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.

¹ The Stipulation was signed on January 29 and accepted by the Commission on February 2, 2026.

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Judge Furney, who is not an attorney, had served as a Justice of the Lee Town Court since 2010. His current term would have expired on December 31, 2029.

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

Statistics Relating to Prior Commission Decisions

The Commission has accepted 162 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.

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

Statement by Commission Administrator

Commission Administrator Robert H. Tembeckjian made the following statement.

“Judges are obliged to promote public confidence in the integrity of the judiciary and therefore must respect and comply with the law and avoid trading on the judicial title. Driving a car despite a suspended license, and gratuitously referring to one’s judgeship during encounters with police, is plainly inconsistent with those standards.”

Counsel

Judge Furney was represented by Robert F. Julian, of the Law office of Robert F. Julian, 2037 Genesee Street, Suite 2, Utica, New York 13501, (315) 797-5610.

The Commission was represented by Deputy Administrator Cathleen S. Cenci, Principal Attorney S. Peter Pedrotty and Principal Investigator Ryan Fitzpatrick.

Background Information on Judge Furney

First took office:

January 1, 2010

Current term expires:

December 31, 2029

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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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