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Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Resigns While Under Investigation for Alleged Financial Misconduct

Edward H. King, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Kings County, has resigned while under investigation by the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct for his alleged involvement in financial activities that may have violated the law as well as the ethical rules binding on all judges.

In December 2025, the Commission apprised Judge King that it was investigating various complaints against him and required his responses to allegations that he:

- Was participating in a scheme to defraud investors in real estate and business ventures by improperly receiving escrow funds as an unauthorized party, refusing to return funds deposited into his attorney escrow accounts, and transferring funds to unauthorized parties;
- Acted as an escrow agent and maintained attorney escrow accounts while serving as a full-time judge, in violation of rules prohibiting full-time judges from acting as fiduciaries or engaging in business activities; and
- Continued to identify himself as an attorney and engage in law-related activities, including in communications to the U.S. Trustee's Office, despite rules barring full-time judges from practicing law.

Judge King denied the allegations.

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Judge King retired from judicial office on December 31, 2025, 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 King 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 King had previously served as a Judge of the New York City Civil Court, Kings County, from 2023 to June 2024, when he was appointed as a Justice of the Supreme Court. Having reached the age of 70 in 2024, the judge was certificated to serve on the Supreme Court for two-year period commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026.

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 160 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.

"On or off the bench, a judge must respect and comply with the law and promote public confidence in the integrity of the judiciary. The alarming allegations of financial impropriety against Judge King were so egregious as to warrant his permanent departure from the bench."

¹ The Stipulation was signed on December 31, 2025. The Commission issued an order accepting it on January 29, 2026.

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Counsel

Judge King was represented by Richard E. Mischel, of Richard E. Mischel, P.C., 48 Wall Street, #1203, New York, New York 10005, (201) 822-9040.

The Commission was represented by Deputy Administrator Mark Levine, Principal Attorney Melissa DiPalo and Investigator Ariana Eftimiu.

Background Information on Judge King

First took office (Supreme Court):	June 2024
Current term expires:	December 31, 2026
Prior Judicial Experience	
(NYC Civil Court):	January 2023 – June 5, 2024
Year Admitted to NYS Bar:	1984

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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