

**IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF FLORIDA**

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,
THE HONORABLE DENNIS BAILEY
JQC NO. 2018-352

SC18-_____

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STIPULATION

In this disciplinary proceeding, the Investigative Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission and Judge Dennis Bailey, Circuit Judge 17th Judicial Circuit, present the following stipulation to this Court pursuant to Article V, Section 12 of the Florida Constitution and Rule 6(k) of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission's Rules.

1. Under Rule 6(k), the Commission may reach agreement with a judge on discipline or disability, and such stipulation shall be transmitted directly to the Supreme Court.

2. A Notice of Investigation dated September 5, 2018, was served on Judge Bailey. A hearing before the Investigative Panel was held in Orlando, Florida on November 16, 2014 at which Judge Bailey appeared with counsel, and testified under oath. At the conclusion of that hearing the Investigative Panel determined that probable cause existed for the filing of Formal Charges. This Stipulation is

being filed concurrently with a Notice of Formal Charges, and the Findings and Recommendation of Discipline.

3. Upon being presented with the Notice of Investigation, Judge Bailey took immediate responsibility for his conduct, both in his written response, and during his sworn testimony before the Commission. Judge Bailey has admitted that his conduct was inappropriate, intemperate, and violated the Canons. He regrets that his intemperate conduct damaged the integrity of the judiciary, and has undertaken stress management courses to ensure that such conduct won't occur again.

4. In light of the facts, the Judge's responses to the Panel's inquiries, and Judge Bailey's lack of prior disciplinary history, the Investigative Panel and Judge Bailey respectfully submit that the interest of justice and sound judicial administration is best served by entering into this Stipulation regarding the matters at issue and by the Findings and Recommendations which accompany this Stipulation.

5. Judge Bailey does not contest the Findings and Recommendations, and accepts the discipline recommended therein. He further waives a plenary hearing before the Hearing Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, if the Findings and Recommendations are accepted by the Court.


6. The parties acknowledge and understand that this Stipulation and attached Findings and Recommendations of Discipline are subject to the review

and approval of this Court. The parties acknowledge and understand that this Stipulation and Findings and Recommendations of Discipline may be rejected by the Court, and in that event this matter may be returned to the Hearing Panel for a final plenary hearing. In such event, the parties agree that none of the statements in the Stipulation (or the attached Findings and Recommendations of Discipline) are admissible in that hearing for any purpose. The parties further agree that none of the negotiations related to this Stipulation are admissible for any purpose.

7. The parties agree that oral argument before this Court is not necessary in light of the record, the nature of the charges, the contents of this Stipulation, and the attached Findings and Recommendation of Discipline. As previously noted, Judge Bailey waives his right to further hearings if they are accepted.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2018.

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