IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE, THE HONORABLE ROBIN LEMONIDIS JQC NO. 2019-101 & 2019-175

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STIPULATION

In this disciplinary proceeding, the Investigative Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission and Judge Robin Lemonidis, Circuit Judge for the 18th 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. An Amended Notice of Investigation dated April 15, 2019, was served on Judge Lemonidis. A hearing before the Investigative Panel was held in Orlando, Florida on May 24, 2019 at which Judge Lemonidis 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.

- 4. In light of the facts, the Judge's responses to the Panel's inquiries, and Judge Lemonidis's lack of prior disciplinary history, the Investigative Panel and Judge Lemonidis respectfully submit that the interest of justice and sound judicial administration is best served by entering into this Stipulation regarding the conduct at issue, as described by Findings and Recommendations which accompany this Stipulation.
- 3. Upon being presented with the Notice of Investigation, Judge Lemonidis took immediate responsibility for her conduct, both in her written response, and during her sworn testimony before the Commission. Judge Lemonidis has admitted that her conduct was inappropriate, intemperate, and violated the Canons. She regrets that her intemperate conduct damaged the integrity of the judiciary, and has agreed to accept a public reprimand, and undertake stress management counseling to ensure that such conduct is not repeated.
- 5. Judge Lemonidis does not contest the Findings and Recommendations, and accepts the discipline recommended therein. She 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 Lemonidis waives her right to further hearings if they are accepted.

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Dated this 1st day of June, 2019.

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