

STATE OF NEW YORK
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In the Matter of the Investigation of Complaints
Pursuant to Section 44, subdivisions 1 and 2,
of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

WILLIAM A. CARTER,

STIPULATION

a Judge of the County Court, Albany County.

THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Conduct (“Commission”), and the Honorable William A. Carter and his attorney, Stephen F. Downs, Esq.

1. William A. Carter was admitted to the practice of law in New York in 1992. He has been a Judge of the County Court, Albany County, since January 2017, having previously served as a Judge of the Albany City Court, Albany County, from 2002 to 2016. Judge Carter’s current term expires on December 31, 2026.

2. On March 2, 2021, the Commission apprised Judge Carter that it was investigating a complaint alleging that, after a purported friend of his filed a pistol permit application, Judge Carter attempted to have the application assigned to himself, and thereafter initiated a conversation about the matter with the judge to whom the case had been assigned.

3. Judge Carter denies the allegations in the complaint.

4. Judge Carter vacated judicial office on March 30, 2021. A copy of the notice to that effect from the Office of Court Administration to the Commission is appended as Exhibit 1.

5. Pursuant to Section 47 of the Judiciary Law, the Commission has 120 days from a judge's resignation to complete proceedings and, if it so determines, render and file a determination that the judge should be removed from office.

6. Judge Carter affirms that, having vacated his judicial office, he will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future.

7. Judge Carter understands that, should he abrogate the terms of this Stipulation and hold any judicial position at any time in the future, the Commission's investigation of the complaint would be revived, he could be served with a Formal Written Complaint on authorization of the Commission, and the matter could proceed to a hearing before a referee.


8. Upon execution of this Stipulation by the signatories below, this Stipulation will be presented to the Commission with the joint recommendation that the matter be concluded by the terms of this Stipulation, without further proceedings.

9. Judge Carter waives confidentiality as provided by Section 45 of the Judiciary Law, to the extent that (A) this Stipulation will become public upon being signed by the signatories below, and (B) the Commission's Decision and Order regarding this Stipulation will become public.

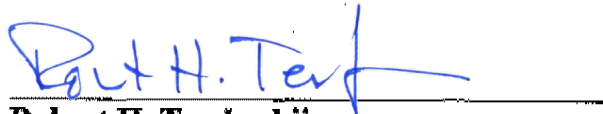
Dated: 4/7/21


Honorable William A. Carter

Dated: 4/7/21


Stephen F. Downs
Attorney for Judge Carter

Dated: April 7, 2021


Robert H. Tembeckjian
Administrator and Counsel to the Commission
(Cathleen S. Cenci, S. Peter Pedrotty, Of Counsel)



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March 31, 2021

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Dear Mr. Tembeckjian:

We have been informed that the Honorable William A. Carter has resigned from the position of County Court Judge, effective March 30, 2021. Judge Carter presided in Albany County.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Very truly yours,


Elizabeth A. Hooks