## STATE OF NEW YORK COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In the Matter of the Proceeding Pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4, of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

## ROY H. KRISTOFFERSEN,

**STIPULATION** 

a Justice of the Saranac Lake Village Court, Franklin County.

THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Conduct (hereinafter "Commission"), Roy H. Kristoffersen, the respondent in this proceeding, and his attorney John J. Muldowney, Esq.

- 1. This Stipulation is presented to the Commission in connection with a formal proceeding pending against respondent.
- 2. Respondent has been a Justice of the Saranac Lake Village Court since 1985. He is not an attorney.
- 3. On June 28, 2005, respondent was served with a Formal Written Complaint, alleging that he presided over numerous criminal cases in which the defendant was the son of respondent's co-judge, and that in two of the cases, respondent rendered favorable dispositions to the defendant without notice to or the consent of the prosecution; that respondent presided over civil cases involving relatives of respondent's co-judge, without disclosure; and that respondent failed to take action to timely dispose of numerous civil and criminal matters.

- 4. Respondent did not answer the Formal Written Complaint.
- 5. Respondent tendered his resignation, dated October 17, 2005, effective November 25, 2005, and affirms that he will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future. A copy of respondent's letter of resignation is attached to this Stipulation.
- 6. Pursuant to law, the Commission has 120 days from the date of a judge's resignation to complete the proceedings, and if the Commission determines that the judge should be removed from office, file a determination with the Court of Appeals.
- 7. All parties to this Stipulation respectfully request that the Commission close the pending matter based upon this Stipulation.

8. Respondent waives confidentiality as provided by Section 45 of the Judiciary Law to the limited extent that this Stipulation will be made public if accepted by the Commission.

Dated: 11-18-05

Honorable Roy H. Kristoffersen

Respondent

Dated: 11-22-05

John J. Muldowney, Esq.

Attorney for Respondent

Dated: 12-12-05

Robert H. Tembeckjian, Esq.

Administrator & Counsel to the Commission

(Cathleen S. Cenci, Of Counsel)

October 17, 2005

Mayor Thomas Catillaz Members of the Saranac Lake Village Board of Trustees 3 Main Street Saranac Lake, NY 12983

Dear Mayor Catillaz:

Please consider this my letter of resignation from the position of Saranac Lake Village Justice, effective at the close of business on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Given the extremely busy nature of our court, I am providing the Board with sufficient notice to select a successor and allow he or she to be trained before taking over the position. The Office of Court Administration will be hosting a basic judicial training course in Albany next month for newly elected justices.

Thank you for your continued support over the years. You can be assured that I will do everything I can to make the transition as seamless as possible.

Hon. Roy Kristoffersen

Village Justice