

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

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

**STIPULATION**

**JOSEPH I. LALONDE,**

a Justice of the Tupper Lake Town and  
Village Courts, Franklin County.

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**THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY STIPULATED** by and between

Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission on Judicial  
Conduct (hereinafter "Commission"), the Honorable Joseph I. LaLonde, the respondent  
in this proceeding, and his attorney Jeremiah M. Hayes.

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 Tupper Lake Village Court, Franklin  
County, since April 1999, and a Justice of the Tupper Lake Town Court, Franklin  
County, since January 2006. He is not an attorney.

3. In June 2005, respondent was served by the Commission with a Formal  
Written Complaint, alleging *inter alia* that respondent presided over the arraignments  
of criminal defendants while under the influence of alcohol, that respondent made  
injudicious remarks to or about police officers, defendants and others involved

in matters before him and that respondent failed to comply with Sections 170.45 and 210.45 of the Criminal Procedure Law by dismissing Vehicle and Traffic Law violations involving accidents without giving notice to the prosecution.

4. Respondent filed an Answer in which he denied most of the allegations of the Formal Written Complaint. In signing this Stipulation, respondent continues to deny allegations that he presided over the arraignments of criminal defendants while under the influence of alcohol and asserts that this Stipulation constitutes neither an admission nor a finding of fact with respect to the charges.

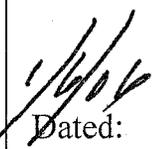
5. The Commission designated Michael Whiteman, Esq., as referee to hear and report to the Commission with respect to all of the charges against respondent. The Referee scheduled the hearing to commence in January, 2006.

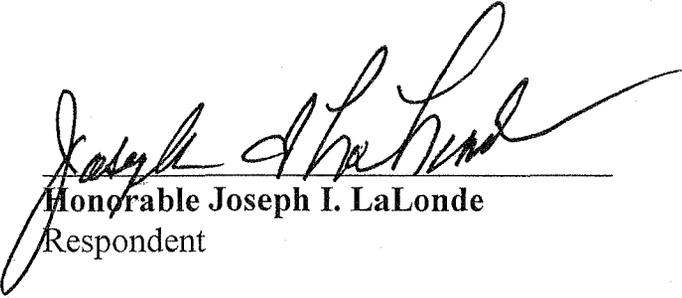
6. Respondent has tendered his resignation, dated January 5, 2006, effective February 12, 2006, and affirms that he will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future. Copies of respondent's letters of resignation are attached.

7. 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. Pursuant to law, removal from office disqualifies a judge from holding judicial office in the future.

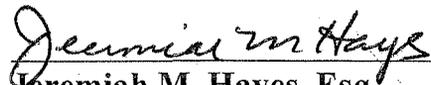
8. In view of respondent's resignation and affirmation that he will neither seek nor accept judicial office in the future, all parties to this Stipulation respectfully request that the Commission close the pending matter based upon this Stipulation.

9. 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.

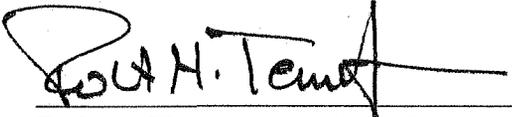
  
Dated:

  
Honorable Joseph I. LaLonde  
Respondent

Dated: January 6, 2006

  
Jeremiah M. Hayes, Esq.  
Attorney for Respondent

Dated: January 12, 2006

  
Robert H. Tembeckjian, Esq.  
Administrator & Counsel to the Commission  
(Cathleen S. Cenci, Chief Attorney, and  
Kathryn J. Blake, Staff Attorney, Of Counsel)

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January 5, 2006

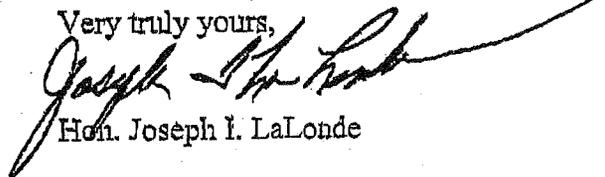
VIA HAND DELIVERY

Laurie Fuller  
Clerk, Town of Tupper Lake  
120 Demars Blvd.  
Tupper Lake, New York 12986

Dear Ms. Fuller:

Please let this serve as notice of my resignation as Justice for the Town of Tupper Lake effective February 12, 2006. Please provide the Town Board with a copy of this notice.

Very truly yours,



Hon. Joseph I. LaLonde

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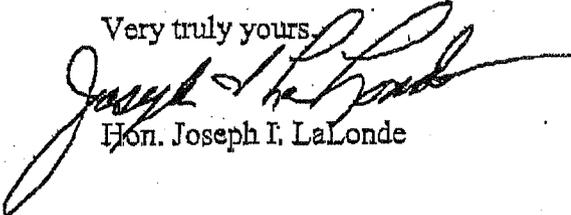
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VIA HAND DELIVERY  
Mary A. Casagrain  
Clerk, Village of Tupper Lake  
53 Park Street  
Tupper Lake, NY 12986

Dear Ms. Casagrain:

Please let this serve as notice of my resignation as Justice for the Village of Tupper Lake effective February 12, 2006. Please provide the Board of Trustees with a copy of this notice.

Very truly yours,

  
Hon. Joseph I. LaLonde