## 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 IRA J. RAAB, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Nassau County.

## STIPULATION

THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Conduct (hereinafter, "Commission") and the Honorable Ira J. Raab and his attorneys, Emery Celli Cuti Brinckerhoff & Abady (By Richard D. Emery and John J. Cuti).

I. This Stipulation is presented to the Commission in connection with its investigation of several complaints presently pending against the Honorable Ira J. Raab.

2. Justice Raab, an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of New York, is 68 years old.

3. In November 1996, Justice Raab was elected as a District Court Judge, Nassau County, for a term that commenced in January 1997. In November 2000, he was elected as a Justice of the Supreme Court, Nassau County, for a term that commenced in January 2001.

4. At various times during 2003, Justice Raab was advised by the Commission that it was investigating complaints against him. These complaints were unrelated to the Commission determination and Court of Appeals review that resulted in the public censure of Justice Raab on June 10, 2003.

5. On July 31, 2003, Justice Raab submitted a letter of retirement/resignation, effective immediately. Justice Raab did so because of the Commission's investigation.

6. Notwithstanding Justice Raab's letter, the Commission continued its investigation pursuant to Section 47 of the Judiciary Law, which extends the Commission's jurisdiction for 120 days from the date of a judge's resignation to complete proceedings resulting in a determination that the judge be removed from office.

7. The Administrator of the Commission is authorized to represent that, upon execution of this Stipulation, the Commission will close its investigation as to the pending complaints against Justice Reab, based upon the Justice's retirement/resignation and upon the following:

- a. Justice Rash acknowledges that he will not seek or accept judicial office or a position as a Judicial Hearing Officer, at any time in the future.
- b. Instice Rash writes confidentiality as provided by Section 45 of the Judiciary Law to the limited extent that this Stipulation will be made public upon execution.

Hon. Ira J. Rash

Dated: August 27, 2003

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