

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

JOHN L. TAFT,

a Justice of the Southport Town Court,
Chemung County.

DECISION
AND
ORDER

BEFORE:

Honorable Thomas A. Klonick, Chair
Stephen R. Coffey, Esq., Vice Chair
Joseph W. Belluck, Esq.
Richard D. Emery, Esq.
Paul B. Harding, Esq.
Marvin E. Jacob, Esq.
Honorable Jill Konviser
Honorable Karen K. Peters
Honorable Terry Jane Ruderman

APPEARANCES:

Robert H. Tembeckjian (John J. Postel, Of Counsel) for the Commission
Davidson & O'Mara, P.C. (by Bryan J. Maggs) for the Respondent

The matter having come before the Commission on May 8, 2008; and the
Commission having before it the Formal Written Complaint dated January 2, 2008,
respondent's Answer dated January 25, 2008, and the Stipulation dated April 15, 2008;

and respondent having submitted a letter dated April 11, 2008, to the Southport Town Clerk and the Office of Court Administration stating that he will leave office as of May 31, 2008; and respondent having affirmed that he will neither seek nor accept judicial office in the future; and respondent having waived confidentiality as provided by Judiciary Law §45 to the limited extent that the Stipulation will be made public if approved by the Commission; now, therefore, it is

DETERMINED, on the Commission's own motion, that the Stipulation is accepted and that the pending proceeding be discontinued and the matter closed pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation; and it is

SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 9, 2008



Jean M. Savanyu, Esq.
Clerk of the Commission
New York State
Commission on Judicial Conduct