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

VICTORIA B. ZACH,

STIPULATION

a Justice of the Colden Town Court, Erie County.

THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission, and the Honorable Victoria B. Zach and her attorney, Paul J. Cambria, Jr. of Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria LLP.

 Victoria B. Zach has served as a justice of the Colden Town Court, Erie County, since January 1, 2009. Her current term expires on December 31, 2016. Judge Zach is not an attorney.

2. Judge Zach was apprised by the Commission in May 2015 that it was investigating a complaint that she lent the prestige of her judicial office to advance the private interests of a defendant charged in another court with Driving While Intoxicated, and that her actions also created the impression that she was the defendant's attorney, notwithstanding that she is not a lawyer.

3. Judge Zach has tendered her resignation as Colden Town Justice by letter dated December 7, 2015, addressed to the Colden Town Clerk and copied to the Office of the Administrative Judge, Eighth Judicial District. Judge Zach's resignation will become effective December 31, 2015. A copy of the resignation letter is annexed as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

4. Pursuant to Section 47 of the Judiciary Law, the Commission has 120 days from the date of a judge's resignation to complete proceedings, and if the Commission determines that the judge should be removed from office, file a determination with the Court of Appeals.

5. Judge Zach affirms that, upon vacating her judicial office, she will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future.

6. Judge Zach understands that, should she 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, she would be served with a Formal Written Complaint on authorization of the Commission, and the matter would proceed to a hearing before a referee.

7. 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.

8. Judge Zach waives confidentiality as provided by Section 45 of the Judiciary Law, to the extent that (1) this Stipulation will become public upon being signed by the signatories below, and (2) the Commission's Decision and Order regarding this Stipulation will become public.

Dated: Honorable Victoria B. Zach オータータひじ Dated: Paul J. Cambria, Jr. Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria LLP Attorney for Judge Zach Dated: DEC. 8, 2015 Robert H. Tembeckjian Administrator and Counsel to the Commission (John J. Postel and David M. Duguay, Of Counsel) 3

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December 7, 2015

Ms. Christina M. Kerlin, Town-Clerk,

Christina,

The intent of my letter is to inform you that I will resign my position as justice of the Colden Town Court effective at midnight, December 31st, 2015.

It has been my pleasure and a distinct honor to serve the people and the town of Colden.

Respectfully,

Victoria B. Zach n