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Court of Appeals Removes Former Saratoga County Family Court Judge Gilbert L. Abramson from Office

The New York State Court of Appeals has dismissed a motion by former Saratoga County Family Court Judge Gilbert L. Abramson (1) to vacate a determination by the Commission on Judicial Conduct that he be removed from office, and (2) to accept in its place a proposed stipulation, which the Commission had rejected, in which the judge publicly accepted responsibility for his actions, resigned and agreed never to seek or accept judicial office in the future. The Court's ruling is available on the Court of Appeals website at:

<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/CTAPPS/decisions/2010/dec10/DecisionList121410.pdf>.

The Court has also issued an order removing Judge Abramson from office, which by law bars him from holding judicial office in the future. (A copy of the order is attached.)

The Commission had determined on October 26, 2010, that Judge Abramson should be removed (1) for incarcerating several Family Court litigants without

affording them fundamental rights including the right to counsel and the right to a hearing and (2) for making inappropriate remarks of a sexual nature to a Family Court litigant.

In its decision yesterday, the Court stated that it did not have jurisdiction to entertain the motion, since the proper procedure for challenging a Commission determination is to file a request for review with the Court within 30 days of receiving the determination. Judge Abramson did not file such a request for review.

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Court of Appeals

At a session of the Court, held at Court of Appeals Hall in the City of Albany on the fourteenth day of December, 2010

Present, HON. JONATHAN LIPPMAN, *Chief Judge, presiding.*

In the Matter of the Proceeding Pursuant to Article 6, section 22 of the New York State Constitution and section 44 of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

HON. GILBERT L. ABRAMSON

A Judge of the Family Court, Saratoga County.

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct determined on October 26, 2010 that the respondent, Honorable Gilbert L. Abramson, should be removed from judicial office;

That determination of the Commission, its findings of fact, its conclusions of law, and the record of the proceedings upon which the determination is based were transmitted on October 27, 2010 to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals in accordance with subdivision (a) of section 22 of Article 6 of the New York State Constitution and with Judiciary Law, section 44, subdivision 7;

The service and notice requirements of New York State Constitution, Article 6, section 22, subdivision (a) and of Judiciary Law, section 44, subdivision 7, were complied with and proof of service and receipt was obtained that Honorable Gilbert L. Abramson received on October 29, 2010 the determination of the Commission, findings of fact, conclusions of law and record of the proceedings upon which the determination is based, and thirty days have expired without his making a request of the Chief Judge for review by the Court of Appeals;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Judiciary Law, section 44, subdivision 7 and section 47, the respondent having previously resigned, it is

ORDERED, that Honorable Gilbert L. Abramson is removed from judicial office in accordance with the findings of the Commission.



Andrew W. Klein
Clerk of the Court