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### **Cattaraugus County Town Justice Resigns in Connection with Pending Disciplinary Charges**

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The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct has completed formal proceedings against Norman A. Perkins, a Justice of the Machias Town Court, Cattaraugus County. Pursuant to a stipulation dated November 23, 2010, Judge Perkins, who resigned from judicial office, agreed not to seek or accept judicial office in the future. On that basis, the proceedings were discontinued and the matter was closed on December 9, 2010.

The judge was served with a Formal Written Complaint dated October 12, 2010, alleging among other things that (1) he issued eviction warrants even though required Notices and/or Petitions had not been served and filed, (2) he advised parties in six small claims actions that they were required to retain an attorney if they wished to appeal his decision, and (3) he commended a litigant who had made a derogatory comment about Jewish people.

Under the terms of the stipulation, Judge Perkins waived the statutory provision of confidentiality applicable to Commission proceedings, to the limited extent that the stipulation would be made public.

Judge Perkins tendered his resignation from judicial office on October 28, 2010, effective December 3, 2010.

This is the 32nd such stipulation in Commission proceedings since the procedure was instituted in 2003.

The stipulation and the Commission's order closing the case can be found on the Commission's website: [www.cjc.ny.us](http://www.cjc.ny.us).

### **Counsel**

In the proceedings before the Commission, Judge Perkins represented himself.

The Commission was represented by Robert H. Tembeckjian, Esq., Administrator and Counsel to the Commission, and Senior Attorney Kathleen Martin, Esq. Senior Investigator Rebecca Roberts assisted in the investigation.

### **Members of the Commission**

The Commission members serve four-year terms. A list of members is appended.

### **The Public File**

The stipulation and order are attached. They are also available for inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's three offices:

61 Broadway, Suite 1200  
New York, New York 10006

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Empire State Plaza  
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