

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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In the Matter of the Proceeding  
Pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4,  
of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

**JONATHAN D. KATZ,**

**STIPULATION**

a Justice of the New Paltz Town Court,  
Ulster County.

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Conduct, and the Honorable Jonathan D. Katz (“Respondent”), who is represented in these proceedings by Timothy Murphy, Esq., as follows:

1. Respondent has been a Justice of the New Paltz Town Court, Ulster County, since 1995. His current term expires December 31, 2021.
2. Respondent was served with a Formal Written Complaint dated February 21, 2019, containing two charges. Charge I alleged that Respondent took judicial action in a criminal case by signing an arrest warrant for the defendant (“husband”) and an order of protection on behalf of the complaining witness (“wife”), notwithstanding that Respondent was representing the wife in a related divorce action against the husband. Charge II alleged that Respondent continued to represent the wife in the divorce action after he took judicial action in the related criminal case.
3. The Formal Written Complaint is appended as Exhibit 1.
4. Respondent filed an Answer dated March 11, 2019, which is appended as

Exhibit 2.

5. Respondent tendered his resignation, dated July 16, 2019, a copy of which is annexed as Exhibit 3. Respondent affirms that he will vacate judicial office as of August 8, 2019.

6. Pursuant to Section 47 of the Judiciary Law, the Commission has 120 days from a judge's resignation to complete proceedings and, if it so determines, render and file a determination that the judge should be removed from office.

7. Respondent affirms that, having vacated his judicial office, he will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future.

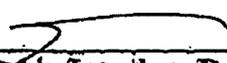
8. Respondent understands that, should he abrogate the terms of this Stipulation and hold any judicial position at any time, the present proceedings before the Commission will be revived and the matter will proceed to a hearing before a referee.

9. 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.

10. Respondent waives confidentiality as provided by Section 45 of the Judiciary Law, to the extent that (A) this Stipulation will become public upon being signed by the signatories below, and (B) the Commission's Decision and Order regarding this Stipulation will become public.

Dated:

7/17/2019

  
Honorable Jonathan D. Katz  
Respondent

Dated:

7/17/2019

  
Timothy Murphy, Esq.  
Attorney for Respondent

Dated:

7/30/2019

  
Robert H. Tombeckjan  
Administrator and Counsel to the Commission  
(Cathleen S. Cenci and S. Peter Pedrotty, Of  
Counsel)

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**NOTICE OF FORMAL  
WRITTEN COMPLAINT**

NOTICE is hereby given to Respondent, Jonathan D. Katz, a Justice of the New Paltz Town Court, Ulster County, pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4, of the Judiciary Law, that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct has determined that cause exists to serve upon Respondent the annexed Formal Written Complaint; and that, in accordance with said statute, Respondent is requested within twenty (20) days of the service of the annexed Formal Written Complaint upon him to serve the Commission at its Albany office, Corning Tower, Suite 2301, Albany, New York 12223, with his verified Answer to the specific paragraphs of the Complaint.

Dated: February 21, 2019  
New York, New York

**ROBERT H. TEMBECKJIAN**  
Administrator and Counsel  
State Commission on Judicial Conduct  
61 Broadway  
Suite 1200  
New York, New York 10006  
(646) 386-4800

To: Timothy Murphy, Esq.  
Attorney for Respondent  
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**FORMAL  
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1. Article 6, Section 22, of the Constitution of the State of New York establishes a Commission on Judicial Conduct (“Commission”), and Section 44, subdivision 4, of the Judiciary Law empowers the Commission to direct that a Formal Written Complaint be drawn and served upon a judge.
2. The Commission has directed that a Formal Written Complaint be drawn and served upon Jonathan D. Katz (“Respondent”), a Justice of the New Paltz Town Court, Ulster County.
3. The factual allegations set forth in Charges I and II state acts of judicial misconduct by Respondent in violation of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts Governing Judicial Conduct (“Rules”).
4. Respondent was admitted to the practice of law in New York in 1983. He has been a Justice of the New Paltz Town Court, Ulster County, since 1995. Respondent’s current term expires on December 31, 2021.

### CHARGE I

5. On or about December 6, 2017, Respondent failed to disqualify himself and took judicial action in *People v K█████ K█████*, by signing an arrest warrant for K█████ K█████ and a “stay-away” order of protection on behalf of Je█████ K█████, the complaining witness, notwithstanding that Respondent was representing Ms. K█████ in a divorce action against Mr. K█████, and notwithstanding that Respondent had recently assisted Ms. K█████ in filing a family offense petition against Mr. K█████ based upon the same incident at issue in *People v K█████ K█████*.

#### Specifications to Charge I

6. In or about September 2016, J█████ K█████ retained Respondent to represent her in a divorce action against K█████ K█████.

7. On or about January 12, 2017, Respondent filed the divorce petition in Ulster County Supreme Court on behalf of Ms. K█████.

8. At all times relevant to this charge, Mr. K█████ and Ms. K█████ resided together at High Ridge Road, New Paltz, Ulster County (the “marital residence”).

9. On or about August 10, 2017, Respondent and/or an attorney in Respondent’s law office filed a cross motion in Ulster County Supreme Court on behalf of Ms. K█████ requesting, *inter alia*, that the court grant Ms. K█████ exclusive use and occupancy of the marital residence during the pendency of the divorce proceeding.

10. By order dated October 4, 2017, Acting Ulster County Supreme Court Justice Marianne O. Mizel denied Ms. K█████’s cross motion.

11. On or about November 27, 2017, Respondent and/or an attorney in Respondent's law office assisted Ms. K[REDACTED] in filing a family offense petition against Mr. K[REDACTED] in Ulster County Family Court. Ms. K[REDACTED]'s petition alleged that Mr. K[REDACTED] committed the offense of Harassment in that, on November 23, 2017, Mr. K[REDACTED] "threw heavy boxes at [Ms. K[REDACTED]] while [she] was walking up [their] basement stairs causing [her] to stumble and to suffer bruises on [her] left knee. He then tried to prevent [her] from leaving the basement by holding the door closed and pushing against it as [she] tried to open it, throwing [her] backwards." Ms. K[REDACTED] also requested a "stay away order of protection."

12. On or about November 27, 2017, Ulster County Family Court Judge Keri E. Savona reviewed Ms. K[REDACTED]'s petition and denied her request for an order of protection.

13. By order dated November 27, 2017, Judge Mizel transferred Ms. K[REDACTED]'s family offense petition to the Ulster County Supreme Court and consolidated it with the divorce action.

14. On or about November 30, 2017, Ms. K[REDACTED] filed an Information with the New Paltz Police Department alleging that Mr. K[REDACTED] committed the offense of Harassment in the second degree in that, on November 23, 2017, Mr. K[REDACTED] "did intentionally throw two boxes filled with clothes down a flight of basement stairs in [her] direction while [she] was standing on such stairs. The boxes did strike [her] and cause bruising to [her] left knee area. K[REDACTED] K[REDACTED] did then attempt to close the basement door on [her] once [she] made it to the top of the stairs."

15. On or about November 30, 2017, New Paltz Police Officer Daniel Carpinelli transmitted Ms. K■■■■'s Information to the New Paltz Town Court, along with an "Arrest Warrant/Criminal Summons Request" form requesting issuance of an arrest warrant. The form also contained a handwritten note stating that the complainant was requesting a "stay away" order of protection.

16. On or about December 6, 2017, Respondent signed an arrest warrant in *People v K■■■■ K■■■■* for the arrest of Mr. K■■■■ on the charge of Harassment in the second degree, pursuant to Section 240.26(1) of the Penal Law. A copy of the arrest warrant is appended as Exhibit A. Respondent also signed a temporary order of protection requiring, *inter alia*, that Mr. K■■■■ stay away from Ms. K■■■■ and the marital residence. A copy of the order of protection is appended as Exhibit B.

17. Respondent signed the arrest warrant without determining whether the accusatory instrument was facially sufficient, contrary to Section 120.20(1)(a) of the Criminal Procedure Law.

18. Respondent issued the temporary order of protection without making a determination that good cause had been shown, contrary to Section 530.12(3) of the Criminal Procedure Law.

19. On or about December 14, 2017, Mr. K■■■■ was arrested and taken into custody by a New Paltz police officer pursuant to the arrest warrant signed by Respondent. Mr. K■■■■ called his attorney in the matrimonial action, Bruce Blatchly, and notified him of the arrest. Mr. Blatchly called Respondent's office and told him that Mr. K■■■■ had been arrested pursuant to a warrant that Respondent had issued.

20. On or about December 14, 2017, Respondent called the New Paltz Police Department and instructed a police officer to contact Respondent's co-judge, New Paltz Town Justice James B. Bacon, to conduct the arraignment of Mr. K[REDACTED]. Because Judge Bacon was unavailable, Gardiner Town Justice Robert F. Rich arraigned Mr. K[REDACTED], released him on recognizance and issued a temporary "no-harassment" order of protection in favor of Ms. K[REDACTED].

21. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent should be disciplined for cause, pursuant to Article 6, Section 22, subdivision (a), of the Constitution and Section 44, subdivision 1, of the Judiciary Law, in that Respondent failed to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary by failing to maintain high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary would be preserved, in violation of Section 100.1 of the Rules; failed to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, in that he failed to respect and comply with the law and failed to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, in violation of Section 100.2(A) of the Rules, allowed a relationship to influence his judicial conduct, in violation of Section 100.2(B) of the Rules, and lent the prestige of judicial office to advance his own private interest and/or the private interest of another, in violation of Section 100.2(C) of the Rules; and failed to perform the duties of judicial office impartially and diligently, in that he failed to be faithful to the law and maintain professional competence in it, in violation of Section 100.3(B)(1) of the Rules, and failed to disqualify himself in a proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned, in violation of Section 100.3(E)(1) of the Rules.

## CHARGE II

22. From in or about December 2017 through in or about November 2018, Respondent continued to represent J. K. in the matrimonial proceeding J. K. v K. K., notwithstanding that Respondent had taken judicial action in *People v K. K.*, a related criminal case.

### Specifications to Charge II

23. On or about December 6, 2017, notwithstanding that he was representing J. K. in her divorce action against K. K., Respondent signed (A) a warrant for the arrest of Mr. K. in connection with *People v K. K.* and (B) a temporary order of protection requiring Mr. K. to stay away from the marital residence he shared with Ms. K. In *People v K. K.*, Ms. K. was the complaining witness against Mr. K., whom she alleged had harassed her during an alleged incident at the marital residence on November 23, 2017.

24. The alleged incident on November 23, 2017, at the K. marital residence was also the subject of a family offense petition that Respondent and/or an attorney in Respondent's law office had previously assisted Ms. K. in filing. The family offense petition had been consolidated with the matrimonial proceeding, J. K. v K. K., and the consolidated matter was pending in Supreme Court, Ulster County. Respondent had been representing Ms. K. in the matrimonial proceeding since in or about September 2016.

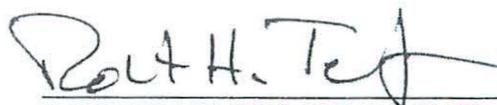
25. From in or about December 2017 through in or about November 2018, when the parties reached a settlement, Respondent continued to represent J. K. in

the consolidated divorce and family offense matters in Supreme Court, Ulster County, notwithstanding that (A) Ms. K■■■■'s family offense petition was based on the same incident as alleged in *People v K■■■■*, in which Respondent had taken judicial action, and (B) the judge presiding in the consolidated matrimonial and family offense matters in Supreme Court, Ulster County, questioned the propriety of Respondent's continuing to represent Ms. K■■■■ under the circumstances.

26. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent should be disciplined for cause, pursuant to Article 6, Section 22, subdivision (a), of the Constitution and Section 44, subdivision 1, of the Judiciary Law, in that Respondent failed to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary by failing to maintain high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary would be preserved, in violation of Section 100.1 of the Rules; failed to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, in that he failed to respect and comply with the law and failed to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, in violation of Section 100.2(A) of the Rules; and acted as a lawyer in a proceeding in which he had served as a judge or in a proceeding related thereto, in violation of Section 100.6(B)(2) of the Rules.

**WHEREFORE**, by reason of the foregoing, the Commission should take whatever further action it deems appropriate in accordance with its powers under the Constitution and the Judiciary Law of the State of New York.

Dated: February 21, 2019  
New York, New York



**ROBERT H. TEMBECKJIAN**

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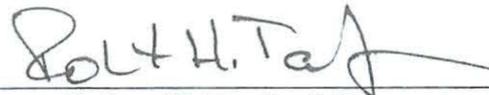
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a Justice of the New Paltz Town Court,  
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STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
  : ss.:  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK        )

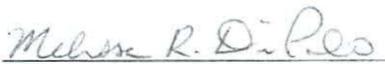
ROBERT H. TEMBECKJIAN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Administrator of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.
2. I have read the foregoing Formal Written Complaint and, upon information and belief, all matters stated therein are true.
3. The basis for said information and belief is the files and records of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.



Robert H. Tembeckjian

Sworn to before me this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2019

  
Notary Public

**MELISSA R. DIPALO**  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 02D16231282  
Qualified in Suffolk County  
Commission Expires January 13, 2023

K. Lopez

STATE OF NEW YORK  
ULSTER COUNTY

NEW PALTZ TOWN COURT  
CRIMINAL PART

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

VS.

K [redacted] [redacted]; K [redacted]; dob: [redacted], Defendant

CASE NO: 17120118

### Arrest Warrant

Including but not limited to  
Any Officer:  
New Paltz Police Department  
83 South Putt Corners Rd Suite 1  
New Paltz, NY 12561

Defendants Last Known Address:

[redacted]

Original Charge(s) PL 240.26 01 HARASSMENT 2ND Amended Charges(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Accusatory instruments filed with this court charge the above named defendant as shown.

Therefore you are ordered to arrest the above named defendant and bring him/her before this Court.

This warrant may be executed in Ulster County or any adjacent county.

Dated: December 6, 2017

  
Hon. Jonathan D. Katz  
Town Justice



The undersigned police officer, directed to execute the within Warrant of Arrest, hereby delegates \_\_\_\_\_ a police officer of the \_\_\_\_\_ Department, as Agent, to execute the within warrant. Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, New York on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_\_

ENDORSEMENT (other county per CPL 120.70(2b)) This Warrant of Arrest may be executed in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, NY. Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, NY. \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ Court \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_

If arrested (in a county other than where the warrant was issued or any adjoining county) for a non-felony, complete the following per CPL Section 120.90(3): On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, a police officer authorized to execute the above Warrant, arrested the defendant in \_\_\_\_\_ County and brought Defendant before the \_\_\_\_\_ Court in \_\_\_\_\_ County. Department \_\_\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant was advised as follows: "You have the right to appear before a local criminal court in the county of arrest for the purpose of being released on your recognizance or having bail fixed." Offer accepted: Y/N Defendant \_\_\_\_\_ Local court release decision \_\_\_\_\_ Court \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT A

ORI No: NY055361J

Criminal Form 1 12/2013

Order No: \_\_\_\_\_

At a term of the New Paltz Town Court, County of Ulster, at the Courthouse at 23 Plattkill Avenue, New Paltz, NY 12561, State of New York

NYSID No: \_\_\_\_\_

CJTN No: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT: Honorable Jonathan D. Katz

ORDER OF PROTECTION  
Family Offenses - C.P.L. 530.12

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

- against -

K [redacted] K [redacted]

Defendant

Charges: PL 240.26 01 V Harassment-2nd:Physical Contact

Youthful Offender (check if applicable)

Part: DV Case No.: 17120118

DOB: [redacted]

[Check box]:  Ex Parte  Defendant Present In Court

NOTICE: YOUR FAILURE TO OBEY THIS ORDER MAY SUBJECT YOU TO MANDATORY ARREST AND CRIMINAL PROSECUTION WHICH MAY RESULT IN YOUR INCARCERATION FOR UP TO SEVEN YEARS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. IF THIS IS A TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION AND YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IN COURT WHEN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO SO, THIS ORDER MAY BE EXTENDED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND CONTINUE IN EFFECT UNTIL A NEW DATE SET BY THE COURT.

THIS ORDER OF PROTECTION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT EVEN IF THE PROTECTED PARTY HAS, OR CONSENTS TO HAVE, CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PARTY AGAINST WHOM THE ORDER IS ISSUED. THIS ORDER OF PROTECTION CAN ONLY BE MODIFIED OR TERMINATED BY THE COURT. THE PROTECTED PARTY CANNOT BE HELD TO VIOLATE THIS ORDER NOR BE ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING THIS ORDER.

TEMPORARY ORDER OF PROTECTION - Whereas good cause has been shown for the issuance of a temporary order of protection [as a condition of:  recognizance  release on bail  adjournment in contemplation of dismissal]

ORDER OF PROTECTION - Whereas defendant has been convicted of [specify crime or violation]:

And the Court having made a determination in accordance with section 530.12 of the Criminal Procedure Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above-named defendant K [redacted] K [redacted] (DOB: [redacted]) observe the following conditions of behavior:

[Check applicable paragraphs and subparagraphs]:

[01]  Stay away from [A]  [redacted] K [redacted] (DOB: [redacted]) except for contact, communication or access permitted by a subsequent order issued by a family or supreme court in a custody visitation or child abuse or neglect proceeding;

[B]  the home of [redacted] K [redacted] (DOB: [redacted]);

[C]  the school of [redacted] K [redacted] (DOB: [redacted]);

[D]  the business of [redacted] K [redacted] (DOB: [redacted]);

[E]  the place of employment of [redacted] K [redacted] (DOB: [redacted]);

[F]  other \_\_\_\_\_;

[14]  Refrain from communication or any other contact by mail, telephone, e-mail, voice-mail or other electronic or any other means with [redacted] K [redacted] (DOB: [redacted]) except for contact, communication or access permitted by a subsequent order issued by a family or supreme court in a custody visitation or child abuse or neglect proceeding;

[02]  Refrain from assault, stalking, harassment, aggravated harassment, menacing, reckless endangerment, strangulation, criminal obstruction of breathing or circulation, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, forcible touching, intimidation, threats, identity theft, grand larceny, coercion or any criminal offense against [redacted] K [redacted] (DOB: [redacted]);

[15]  Refrain from intentionally injuring or killing without justification the following companion animal(s) (pet(s)) [specify type(s) and, if available, name(s)]: \_\_\_\_\_;

[11]  Permit [specify individual]: \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the residence at [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_ during [specify date/time]: \_\_\_\_\_ with [specify law enforcement agency, if any]: \_\_\_\_\_ to remove personal belongings not in issue in litigation [specify items]: \_\_\_\_\_;

[04]  Refrain from [indicate acts]: \_\_\_\_\_ that create an unreasonable risk to the health, safety, or welfare of [specify child(ren), family or household member]: \_\_\_\_\_;

[05]  Permit [specify individual(s)]: \_\_\_\_\_ entitled by a court order or separation or other written agreement, to visit with [specify child(ren)]: \_\_\_\_\_ during the following periods of time [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_ under the following terms and conditions [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_;

[12]  Surrender any and all handguns, pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns and other firearms owned or possessed, including, but not limited to, the following \_\_\_\_\_ and do not obtain any further guns or other firearms. Such surrender shall take place immediately, but in no event later than [specify date/time]: \_\_\_\_\_ at: \_\_\_\_\_.

[16]  Promptly return or transfer the following identification documents: \_\_\_\_\_ to the party protected by this Order NOT LATER THAN [specify date/time]: \_\_\_\_\_ in the following manner [specify manner or mode of return or transfer]: \_\_\_\_\_.

Such documents shall be made available for use as evidence in this judicial proceeding.

[Jointly owned documents or documents in both parties' names only]: the following document(s) may be used as necessary for legitimate use by the defendant [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_.

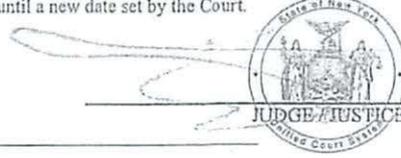
[99]  Specify other conditions defendant must observe for the purposes of protection: \_\_\_\_\_;

EXHIBIT B

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above-named Defendant's license to carry, possess, repair, sell or otherwise dispose of a firearm or firearms, if any, pursuant to Penal Law §400.00, is hereby [13A]  suspended or [13B]  revoked (note: final order only), and/or [13C]  the Defendant shall remain ineligible to receive a firearm license during the period of this order. (Check all applicable boxes).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order of protection shall remain in force until and including 12/06/2018, but if you fail to appear in court on this date, the order may be extended and continue in effect until a new date set by the Court.

DATED: 12/06/2017



Defendant advised in Court of issuance and contents of Order.

Order to be served by other means [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_

Warrant issued for Defendant

Order personally served on Defendant in Court

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Defendant's signature)

ADDITIONAL SERVICE INFORMATION [specify]: \_\_\_\_\_

The Criminal Procedure Law provides that presentation of a copy of this order of protection to any police officer or peace officer acting pursuant to his or her special duties shall authorize and in some situations may require, such officer to arrest a defendant who is alleged to have violated its terms and to bring him or her before the Court to face penalties authorized by law.

Federal law requires that this order be honored and enforced by state and tribal courts, including courts of a state, the District of Columbia, a commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States, if the person against whom the order is sought is an intimate partner of the protected party and has been or will be afforded reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard in accordance with state law sufficient to protect that person's rights (18 USC §§2265, 2266).

It is a federal crime to:

- cross state lines to violate this order or to stalk, harass or commit domestic violence against an intimate partner or family member;
- buy, possess or transfer a handgun, rifle, shotgun or other firearm or ammunition while this Order remains in effect (Note: there is a limited exception for military or law enforcement officers but only while they are on duty); and
- buy, possess or transfer a handgun, rifle, shotgun or other firearm or ammunition after a conviction of a domestic violence-related crime involving the use or attempted use of physical force or a deadly weapon against an intimate partner or family member, even after this Order has expired. (18 U.S.C. 922(g)(8), §§922(g)(9), 2261, 2261A, 2262).

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VERIFIED ANSWER

Index No.: 2018 /A-0341

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JONATHAN D. KATZ, by and through his attorney, as and for his Verified Answer to the Formal Written Complaint brought by the Commission on Judicial Conduct, hereby states and alleges the following:

1. Admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraphs "1", "2", "3", "4", "5", "6", "7", "8", "9", "10", "11", "12", "13", "14", "15", "16", "17", "18", "19", "20", and "21".
2. Admits the allegations set forth in numbered paragraphs "22", "23", "24", "25", and "26".

**WHEREFORE**, Jonathan D. Katz respectfully requests a private disposition to the matter.

Dated: March 11, 2019  
New Paltz, New York

Respectfully yours,



\_\_\_\_\_  
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Attorney for Respondent  
The Murphy Law Office  
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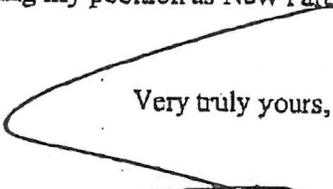
July 16, 2019

Hon. Thomas A. Breslin  
Albany County Supreme Court  
16 Eagle Street  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Judge Breslin:

I am resigning my position as New Paltz Town Justice effective August 8, 2019.

Very truly yours,

  
Jonathan D. Katz



JONATHAN D. KATZ

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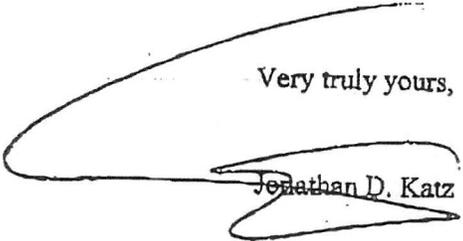
July 16, 2019

New Paltz Town Board  
52 Clearwater Road  
New Paltz, NY 12561

Dear Board:

I am resigning my position as New Paltz Town Justice effective August 8, 2019.

Very truly yours,

  
Jonathan D. Katz