

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

JESSICA A. MATTHEWS,

STIPULATION

a Justice of the Clare Town Court,
St. Lawrence County.

THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Conduct (“Commission”), and the Honorable Jessica A. Matthews.

1. Jessica A. Matthews (also known as Jessica Barr) has been a Justice of the Clare Town Court, St. Lawrence County, since 2017. Her current term expires on December 31, 2023. Judge Matthews is not an attorney.

2. By letter dated June 23, 2021, the Commission (A) apprised Judge Matthews that it was investigating a complaint that she failed to file reports or remit funds to the Office of the State Comptroller (“OSC”) in the time required by law for the months of November and December 2019, resulting in her judicial salary being stopped on May 20, 2020, and (B) requested her response to the complaint. Judge Matthews did not respond to the June letter, nor did she respond

to follow-up letters from the Commission dated August 12, 2021, and September 13, 2021.

3. On April 22, 2022, Judge Matthews testified before the Commission concerning the OSC complaint and her failure to respond to the Commission's inquiries.

4. Judge Matthews has tendered her resignation by letter dated May 24, 2022, a copy of which is annexed as Exhibit 1. Judge Matthews affirms that she vacated judicial office as of June 1, 2022.

5. 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.

Pursuant to Article VI, section 22(h) of the Constitution, a judge who is removed from office "shall be ineligible to hold other judicial office."

6. Judge Matthews affirms that, having vacated her judicial office, she will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future.

7. Judge Matthews 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.

8. 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.

9. Judge Matthews 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:


Honorable Jessica A. Matthews

Dated: July 13, 2022

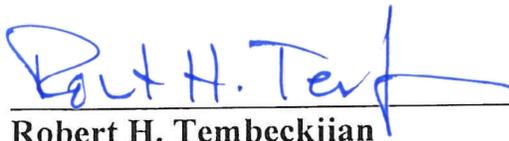

Robert H. Tembeckjian
Administrator & Counsel to the Commission
(Cathleen S. Cenci and Shruti Joshi, Of
Counsel)

EXHIBIT 1

I, Jessica A. Barr will be resigning at Clare Town Justice effective June 1st, 2022.
Thank you for this opportunity.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica A. Barr". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and date.

Jessica A Barr
5/24/2022