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## BY HAND

Hon. Lisa LeCours Clerk of the Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Hall 20 Eagle Street Albany, New York 12207

Re: Matter of Hon. Jeremy L. Persons
Justice of the Guildford Town Court,

Chenango County

Dear Ms. LeCours:

Thank you for your letter of April 10, 2023, inviting comment by the Commission on Judicial Conduct regarding the Court's consideration of the suspension of Hon. Jeremy L. Persons from the exercise of the powers of the office of Justice of Guildford Town Court, Chenango County.

The Commission filed a determination dated February 23, 2023, that Judge Persons should be removed from office. Pursuant to Article VI, Section 22(e) of the New York State Constitution, and Section 44(8) of the Judiciary Law, a judge who is the subject of a removal determination filed by the Commission with the Court may be suspended, with or without pay, pending the Court's disposition of the matter pursuant to Sections 44(7) of the Judiciary Law.

It is the Commission's view that public confidence in the integrity of the judiciary, the courts and the administration of justice would be undermined were a judge to continue exercising the powers of office while subject to removal.

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Based upon the foregoing, and mindful of the Court's consistent practice to suspend with pay those judges as to whom the Commission has filed a removal determination, the Commission respectfully recommends that Judge Persons be suspended with pay, pending the Court's final disposition of the matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Tembeckjian

cc: Hon. Jeremy L. Persons

Judges of the Court of Appeals (via Ms. LeCours)

Hon. Tamiko Amaker, Acting Chief Administrative Judge