

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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In the Matter of the Investigation of Complaints  
Pursuant to Section 44, subdivisions 1 and 2,  
of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

**KATHLEEN L. ROBICHAUD,**

**STIPULATION**

a Judge of the Rensselaer City Court,  
Rensselaer County.

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

1. Kathleen L. Robichaud was admitted to the practice of law in New York in 1990. She has been a Judge of the Rensselaer City Court, Rensselaer County, since January 1, 1996. Her current term expires on December 31, 2025.

2. In March 2023, the Commission apprised Judge Robichaud that it was investigating two complaints alleging that she: (A) failed to renew her attorney registration within thirty days of her birthday in June 2022 and failed to change her email address so that it does not reflect her judicial title, notwithstanding that in July 2022, in a written stipulation, she affirmed to the Commission that she had done so, and (B) failed to file her 2021 financial disclosure statement with the Ethics Commission for the Unified Court System by the required deadline. In

August 2023, Judge Robichaud was advised by the Commission that it was also investigating a third complaint alleging that she made prohibited political contributions.

3. Judge Robichaud has tendered her resignation by letter to the Chief Administrative Judge, a copy of which is annexed as Exhibit 1.

4. Judge Robichaud affirms that she will vacate judicial office on or before May 17, 2024, and that she will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future.

5. Pursuant to Section 47 of the Judiciary Law, the Commission may continue with proceedings against a judge who has resigned 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.”

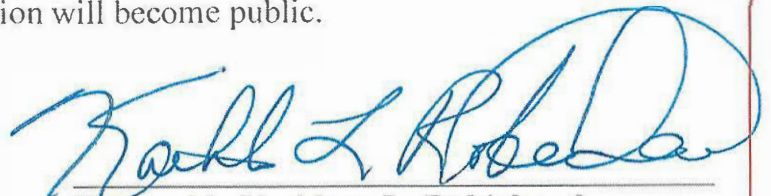
6. Judge Robichaud understands that, should she abrogate the terms of this Stipulation and hold any judicial position at any time in the future, the Commission’s investigation of the complaint would be revived, she would be served with a Formal Written Complaint on authorization of the Commission, and the matter would proceed to a hearing before a referee.

7. Upon execution of this Stipulation by the signatories below, this Stipulation will be presented to the Commission with the joint recommendation

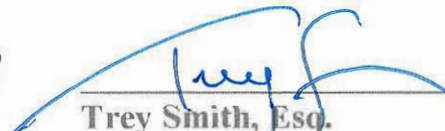
that the matter be concluded, by the terms of this Stipulation, without further proceedings.

8. Judge Robichaud 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: April 19, 2024

  
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**Honorable Kathleen L. Robichaud**

Dated: April 19, 2024

  
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**Trey Smith, Esq.**  
Trey Smith Law, PLLC  
Attorney for **Judge Robichaud**

Dated: April 19, 2024

  
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**Robert H. Tembeckjian**  
Administrators & Counsel to the Commission  
(**Cathleen S. Cenci** and **Kathleen E. Klein**,  
Of Counsel)

**EXHIBIT "1"**

Hon. Kathleen L. Robichaud  
Judge of the Rensselaer City Court  
62 Washington Street  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

April 18, 2024

Hon. Joseph Zayas  
Chief Administrative Judge  
New York State Unified Court System  
Office of Court Administration  
25 Beaver Street  
New York, New York 10004

Dear Chief Administrative Judge Zayas:

I have decided to retire from the bench and, as required by law, hereby give notice of my resignation from judicial office, effective at the close of business on May 17, 2024.

Very truly yours,



Hon. Kathleen L. Robichaud  
Judge of the Rensselaer City Court

Cc: Hon. Michael Stammel, Mayor  
City of Rensselaer, New York

Hon. Gerald W. Connolly  
Administrative Judge  
Third Judicial District