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State of New York
Commission on Judicial Conduct
Corning Tower, Suite 2301
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Re: Notice of Formal Written Complaint

Dear Members of the Commission,

I have given a great deal of thought to my response to both the **Formal Written Complaint** as well as my actions which necessitated it. When I was first contacted, I was asked to explain my thought process regarding these actions and my reply was directed by what I was thinking at the time the posts were made.

Now that I am formalizing a response to the complaint, with several months more time on the bench, I truly can not find any explanation or defense to explain why I should not be subject to discipline as deemed appropriate by the Commission.

I cringe as I review the Exhibits presented and have no explanation as to why I felt that it would be appropriate to put them on my Facebook page as a candidate for judicial office.

In light of this, I would ask how this action should proceed. I am unfamiliar with the process or what action the Commission would deem appropriate. If there is in place a process where an agreed disposition is available, I would ask that such process should begin.

I do want to assure the members of the *Commission on Judicial Conduct* that these actions do not reflect the type of town justice I am nor do they accurately reflect who I am. This is not to say that they are not my actions but they are actions that I understand are beneath anyone who is privileged to wear a robe and is trusted with representing our judicial system to the public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cordially,



Robert H. Schmidt