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Schenectady County Town Court Justice Resigns After Being Formally Charged with Misconduct

James A. Bradshaw, Jr., a Justice of the Rotterdam Town Court, Schenectady County has resigned from office and agreed to never return.¹

In August 2024, the Commission on Judicial Conduct served Judge Bradshaw with a Formal Written Complaint, alleging among other things that he:

1. Made various improper remarks despite having been counseled by supervising and administrative judges, for
 - A. Referring to litigants appearing before him as “animals” during a meeting with town officials, and
 - B. Sarcastically saying it was “questionable” or “debatable” that a particular Assistant Public Defender was actually an attorney;

¹ A resignation stipulation was formalized on November 21, 2024. The Commission accepted it on December 12, 2024. The judge’s resignation is effective December 31, 2024.

2. Conveyed the impression he was not being faithful to the law or considering cases on their individual merits, in that he:
 - A. Insisted on imposing a consecutive jail sentence for a defendant who had cases pending in neighboring counties because, “I don’t run things concurrent out of this Court because when you commit a crime in Rotterdam, you do the time for Rotterdam,”
 - B. Assumed without basis that a defendant charged with cell phone theft had a drug problem, and insisted on ordering a drug evaluation before granting an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal (ACD),
 - C. Denigrated a prosecutor’s recommendation of an ACD, \$50 restitution and community service in a Petit Larceny case as “not even really worth writing the paperwork up,” and
 - D. Set bail without considering the required factors, which resulted in a defendant being held in county jail for six days until the judge’s bail determination was overturned by a higher court;
3. Said that a public defender who believed the judge imposed excessive jail sentences actually did not have “faith” in this client; and
4. Failed to mechanically record a proceeding as required.

Judge Bradshaw waived the statutory provision of confidentiality applicable to Commission proceedings, to the limited extent that the stipulation and the Commission’s order accepting it would be public.

Judge Bradshaw, who is not an attorney, has served as a Justice of the Rotterdam Town Court since 2016. His current term would have expired on December 31, 2027.

The stipulation can be found on the Commission’s website: www.cjc.ny.gov.

Statement by Commission Administrator

Commission Administrator Robert H. Tembeckjian made the following statement.

“Judges are required to apply the law competently and impartially, treat litigants and lawyers respectfully, and otherwise act in a manner that enhances public

confidence in the fairness of the courts. This case demonstrates the seriousness with which the Commission regards these judicial obligations.”

Statistics Relating to Prior Commission Decisions

The Commission has accepted 144 such stipulations since the procedure was instituted in 2003.

Since 1978, the Commission has issued 286 determinations of admonition against judges in New York State, 352 determinations of censure and 185 determinations of removal.

The Court of Appeals has reviewed 102 Commission determinations. The Court accepted the Commission’s sanctions in 86 cases (77 of which were removals, six were censures and three were admonitions). Of the remaining 16 cases, two sanctions were increased from censure to removal, and 13 were reduced: nine removal determinations were modified to censure, one removal was modified to admonition, two censures were modified to admonition, and one censure was rejected and the charges dismissed. The Court remitted one matter to the Commission for further proceedings. One request for review is currently pending.

Counsel

Judge Bradshaw was represented by Peter J. Moschetti of Anderson, Moschetti & Taffany, PLLC, 26 Century Hill Drive, Suite 206, Latham, New York 12110, (518) 802-4714.

The Commission was represented by Deputy Administrator Cathleen S. Cenci, Senior Attorney Kathleen E. Klein and Senior Investigator Ryan Fitzpatrick.

Background Information on Judge Bradshaw

First took office:	2016
Current term expires:	December 31, 2027

Members of the Commission

The Commission members serve four-year terms. A list of members is appended.

The Public File

The stipulation and order are attached.

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