# STATE OF NEW YORK COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In the Matter of the Proceeding Pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4, of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

#### WILLIAM ALTON,

a Justice of the Kortright Town Court, Delaware County.

# DECISION AND ORDER

#### THE COMMISSION:

Lawrence S. Goldman, Esq., Chair Stephen R. Coffey, Esq. Colleen C. DiPirro Richard D. Emery, Esq. Raoul Lionel Felder, Esq. Christina Hernandez, M.S.W. Honorable Thomas A. Klonick Honorable Daniel F. Luciano Honorable Karen K. Peters Alan J. Pope, Esq. Honorable Terry Jane Ruderman

### **APPEARANCES:**

Robert H. Tembeckjian (Cathleen S. Cenci, Of Counsel) for the Commission

Michael A. Jacobs for the Respondent

The matter having come before the Commission on September 30, 2005;

and the Commission having before it the Formal Written Complaint dated May 25, 2004,

respondent's Answer dated June 14, 2004, and the Stipulation dated September 13, 2005; and the Commission having designated Bruno Colapietro, Esq., as referee to hear and report proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law; and a hearing having been scheduled to commence on September 16, 2005; and respondent having affirmed that he will not seek re-election and will vacate his office when his term of office expires on December 31, 2005, and that he will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future; and respondent having waived confidentiality as provided by Judiciary Law §45 to the limited extent that the Stipulation will be made public if approved by the Commission; now, therefore, it is

DETERMINED, on the Commission's own motion, that the pending proceeding be discontinued and the matter closed pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation; and it is

## SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 7, 2005

Lawrence S. Goldman, Esq. Chair New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct