

STATE OF NEW YORK
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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

ROBERT J. BLAIN,

STIPULATION

A Justice of the Prattsville Town Court,
Greene County.

THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission, and the Honorable Robert J. Blain and his attorney, Scott W. Bush, of Corrigan, McCoy and Bush, PLLC.

1. Robert J. Blain was appointed Justice of the Prattsville Town Court, Greene County, in August 1987, and served until December 31, 1987. He was elected Justice of the Prattsville Town Court in November 1987, commenced that term on January 1, 1988, and has been a Justice of the Prattsville Town Court, Greene County, since that time. His current term expires on December 31, 2017. He is not an attorney.

2. Judge Blain was apprised by the Commission in August 2013 that it was investigating a complaint that an audit of the Prattsville Town Court by the Office of the New York State Comptroller found multiple financial irregularities in the court accounts and insufficient oversight by Judge Blain over his court clerk.

3. Judge Blain has tendered his resignation by letter dated June 13, 2014, a copy of which is annexed as Exhibit 1. He vacated his judicial office on June 13, 2014.

4. Pursuant to Section 47 of the Judiciary Law, the Commission has 120 days

from the date of a judge's resignation to complete proceedings, and if the Commission determines that the judge should be removed from office, file a determination with the Court of Appeals.

5. Judge Blain affirms that, having vacated his judicial office, he will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future.

6. Judge Blain understands that, should he abrogate the terms of this Stipulation and hold any judicial position at any time in the future, the present proceedings before the Commission would be revived, he 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 recommendation that the matter be concluded, by the terms of this Stipulation, without further proceedings.

8. Judge Blain waives confidentiality as provided by Section 45 of the Judiciary Law, to the extent that (1) this Stipulation will become public upon being signed by the signatories below, and (2) the Commission's Decision and Order regarding this Stipulation will become public.

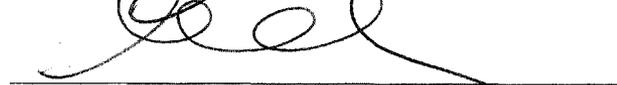
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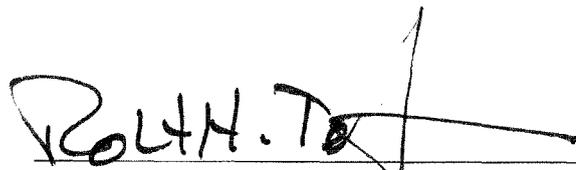
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7/11/2014


Honorable Robert J. Blain


Scott W. Bush
Corrigan, McCoy and Bush, PLLC
Attorney for Judge Blain

Dated: July 9, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. H. Tembeckjian", written over a horizontal line.

Robert H. Tembeckjian
Administrator and Counsel to the Commission
(Jill S. Polk, Of Counsel)

Robert Blain
386 Dent Rd.
Prattsville, NY 12468

Kory O'Hara-Town Supervisor
Main Street
Prattsville, NY 12468

6/13/2014

Dear Kory,

Please accept this as formal notice of my retirement. I'll therefore be leaving my position of Town Justice effective immediately.

I thank the people of the Town for all their support during my years of service, which I found enjoyable and fulfilling.

Enclosed you will find the keys to the construction trailer that we have been operating out of for the last three years. In the trailer you will also find my checkbook to the court in the top drawer of the filing cabinet closest to the computer.

Please mail me my last payroll check, and my expense checks that are due to me to my address on file with the Town.

Yours Sincerely,



Hon. Robert J. Blain

