

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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

**BRYAN R. HEDGES,**

a Judge of the Family Court,  
Onondaga County.

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**NOTICE OF FORMAL  
WRITTEN COMPLAINT**

NOTICE is hereby given to respondent, Bryan R. Hedges, a Judge of the Family Court, Onondaga County, pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4, of the Judiciary Law, that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct has determined that cause exists to serve upon respondent the annexed Formal Written Complaint; and that, in accordance with said statute, respondent is requested within twenty (20) days of the service of the annexed Formal Written Complaint upon him to serve the Commission at its Rochester office, 400 Andrews Street, Suite 700, Rochester, New York 14604, with his verified Answer to the specific paragraphs of the Complaint.

Dated: May 3, 2012  
New York, New York

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1. Article 6, Section 22, of the Constitution of the State of New York establishes a Commission on Judicial Conduct (“Commission”), and Section 44, subdivision 4, of the Judiciary Law empowers the Commission to direct that a Formal Written Complaint be drawn and served upon a judge.
2. Section 47 of the Judiciary Law extends the Commission’s jurisdiction by 120 days after the resignation of a judge.
3. The Commission has directed that a Formal Written Complaint be drawn and served upon Bryan R. Hedges (“respondent”), a former Judge of the Family Court, Onondaga County.
4. The factual allegations set forth in Charge I state acts of judicial misconduct by respondent in violation of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts Governing Judicial Conduct (“Rules”).
5. Respondent was admitted to the practice of law in New York in 1973. He was a Judge of the Family Court, Onondaga County, from 1985 until April 24, 2012,

when he left office, notwithstanding that his most recent term of office would have expired on December 31, 2014.

**CHARGE I**

6. In or about 1972, respondent engaged in a sexual act with his niece, E [REDACTED], who was approximately five years old at the time, in that he had her participate with her hand in the manual stroking of his penis.

**Specifications to Charge I**

7. Respondent's wife, Elizabeth Hedges, is the sister of R [REDACTED]. R [REDACTED] was at one time married to M [REDACTED] and is the father of E [REDACTED]. Respondent and his wife are therefore uncle and aunt to E [REDACTED], who is their niece.

8. On an occasion in or about 1972, respondent and his wife Elizabeth were overnight guests during a family get-together at the home of Elizabeth's mother in or near Albany, New York. At the same time, R [REDACTED] and M [REDACTED], and their daughter E [REDACTED], were also overnight guests at the same home.

9. In 1972, respondent was approximately 25 years old, and E [REDACTED] was approximately five years old, hearing impaired and unable to speak.

10. One morning during the family get-together, respondent and E [REDACTED] were alone in an upstairs guest bedroom to which respondent and his wife had been assigned. Respondent was in bed. His penis was exposed.

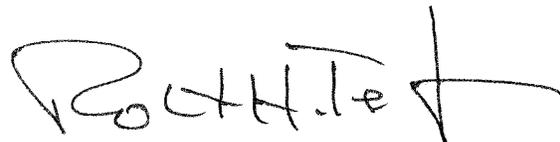
11. Respondent had E [REDACTED] participate with her hand in the manual stroking of his penis.

12. After the foregoing conduct, respondent went downstairs with E [REDACTED] and joined in a family breakfast.

13. By reason of the foregoing, respondent should be disciplined for cause, pursuant to Article 6, Section 22, subdivision (a), of the Constitution and Section 44, subdivision 1, of the Judiciary Law, in that respondent engaged in conduct that reflects adversely on his qualifications and fitness to perform the duties of a judge and is prejudicial to the administration of justice; failed to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary by failing to maintain high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary would be preserved, in violation of Section 100.1 of the Rules; and failed to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in that he failed to respect and comply with the law and failed to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity of the judiciary, in violation of Section 100.2(A) of the Rules.

**WHEREFORE**, by reason of the foregoing, the Commission should take whatever further action it deems appropriate in accordance with its powers under the Constitution and the Judiciary Law of the State of New York.

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