## 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

## JACQUES MICHEL,

**STIPULATION** 

A Justice of the Spring Valley Village Court, Rockland County.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between Robert H.

Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission, and the Honorable Jacques

Michel¹ ("Respondent"), who is represented in these proceedings by Jeffrey T. Millman,

Esq., as follows:

- 1. Respondent was appointed Justice of the Spring Valley Village Court by the Mayor of Spring Valley on or about October 31, 2016, to fill a vacancy created when the Court of Appeals accepted the Commission's determination to remove Alan M. Simon from judicial office. Respondent signed an Oath of Office for Rockland County on November 1, 2016, and an Oath of Office for the Village of Spring Valley on November 2, 2016. Respondent's term expires on December 31, 2017. He is not an attorney.
- 2. Respondent was served with a Formal Written Complaint dated May 1, 2017, containing one charge, which alleges that he does not meet the legal qualifications to serve as a Village Justice as a result of a 1978 federal felony conviction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Respondent is also known as "Jacques O'l Michel" and "Jacques O. D'l Michel."

- 3. Respondent enters into this Stipulation in lieu of filing an Answer to the Formal Written Complaint.
- 4. Respondent tendered his resignation by letter, dated June 5, 2017, a copy of which is annexed as Exhibit 1.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Respondent affirms that, having resigned his judicial position, he will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future unless his federal felony conviction is vacated by a final order of a court of the United States.
- 7. Respondent understands that, should he abrogate the terms of this Stipulation and hold any judicial position at any time, the present proceedings before the Commission will be revived and the matter will proceed to a hearing before a referee.
- 8. Upon execution of this Stipulation by the signatories below, this Stipulation will be presented to the Commission with the joint recommendation that the matter be concluded, by the terms of this Stipulation, without further proceedings.
- 9. Respondent 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.

Dated: 6-6-17

Honorable Jacques Michel

Respondent

Dated: 6-6-17

Jeffrey T. Millman, Esq. Phillips & Millman LLP Attorney for Respondent

Dated: June 7, 2017

Robert H. Tembeckjian

Administrator and Counsel to the Commission

(Mark Levine, Of Counsel)

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Jacques O. Michel 29 Van Orden Ave . #1 Spring Valley, NY 10977

June 5, 2017

Mayor Demeza Delhomme Village of Spring Valley 200 N. Main Street Spring Valley, New York 10977

Re: Justice of the Village of Spring Valley

Dear Mayor Delhomme:

As you are aware since your appointment made by you naming me Village of Spring Valley Justice on October 31, 2016 I have had difficulty receiving from the State the necessary clearance to sit as Justice in the Village of Spring Valley.

After much effort to secure the States authorization it has become apparent that such authorization is not forthcoming. As it is important for our Village to have a sitting Justice to handle the ever growing case load, I believe it is in the best interest of the Village of Spring Valley that I resign as Justice of the Village thereby allowing you the opportunity to fill the vacancy in the Court.

As always I am thankful for the confidence you have shown in my ability to sit as Justice.

Very truly yours,

Hon. Jacques Michel

JM/abm