

*State of New York  
Court of Appeals*

*Decided and Entered on the  
eighteenth day of May, 2026*

**Present,** Hon. Rowan D. Wilson, *Chief Judge, presiding.*

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In the Matter of the Hon. John M. Skinner, a Justice  
of the Columbia Town Court, Herkimer County,  
Petitioner,  
State Commission on Judicial Conduct,  
Respondent.

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The State Commission on Judicial Conduct determined on February 17, 2026, that Hon. John M. Skinner be removed from judicial office.

The determination of the Commission, its findings of fact, its conclusions of law, and the record of the proceedings upon which the determination is based were transmitted on February 18, 2026, to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals in accordance with Judiciary Law § 44(7);

The service and notice requirements of Judiciary Law § 44(7) were complied with by personal service on Hon. John M. Skinner on April 15, 2026.

Proof was obtained that Hon. John M. Skinner received on April 15, 2026, the determination of the Commission, findings of fact, conclusions of law and record of the proceedings upon which the determination is based; no request for review having been made; NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with Judiciary Law § 44(7), it is

ORDERED that the determined sanction is accepted, without costs, and Hon. John M. Skinner is removed from the office of Justice of the Columbia Town Court, Herkimer County. Chief Judge Wilson and Judges Garcia, Singas, Cannataro, Troutman and Halligan concur. Judge Rivera took no part.



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Heather Davis  
Clerk of the Court