

IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE
HON. KENNETH HOSFORD
JQC NO. 2023-539

SC23-1478

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

On December 20, 2023, this Court stayed these proceedings at the Commission's request, to allow the Investigative Panel of the Commission to conduct an inquiry into additional matters. That review has been completed and the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby gives notice to the Court of its voluntary dismissal of the charges against Judge Kenneth Hosford. Because this notice is given prior to a final hearing before the Hearing Panel, dismissal is entered pursuant to Rule 1.420, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Alternatively, the Commission seeks dismissal under Rule 9.350(b), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The basis for the dismissal is Judge Hosford's resignation from the Liberty County Court effective at 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2024, which has been received and accepted by the Governor, and his agreement to not to serve as a senior judge or hold any future judicial office.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Voluntary Dismissal has been furnished by electronic service to the following individuals on this 29th day of February 2024.

Hon. Kenneth Hosford
LIBERTY COUNTY JUDGE

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