

**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF FLORIDA**

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,
THE HONORABLE JOHN JORDAN
JQC NOS. 2025-553, 2025-845

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STIPULATION

In this disciplinary proceeding, the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC) and the Honorable John Jordan, Ninth Circuit Judge, present the following Stipulation to this Court pursuant to Article V, Section 12 of the Florida Constitution and Rule 6(k) of the JQC Rules.

1. Under Rule 6(k), the Commission may reach agreement with a judge on discipline or disability, and such stipulation shall be transmitted directly to the Supreme Court.
2. A Notice of Investigation dated September 12, 2025, was served on Judge Jordan. A hearing before the Investigative Panel was held in Tampa, Florida on October 24, 2025, at which Judge Jordan appeared with counsel, and testified under oath. At the conclusion of that hearing, the Investigative Panel determined that probable cause existed for the filing of Formal Charges. This Stipulation is being filed concurrently with a Notice of Formal Charges and the Findings and Recommendation of Discipline.

3. Upon being presented with the Notice of Investigation, and during his sworn testimony before the Investigative Panel, Judge Jordan took immediate responsibility for his conduct. Judge Jordan admitted that his conduct was inappropriate and violated Canons 1, 2, 3B(4) and 3B(5) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.
4. Judge Jordan has expressed remorse and regrets that his actions have reflected poorly on judicial independence.
5. In light of the facts, the Judge's response to the Panel's inquiries, and Judge Jordan's lack of any prior disciplinary history, the Investigative Panel and Judge Jordan respectfully submit that the interests of justice and sound judicial administration is best served by entering into this Stipulation regarding the matters at issue and by the Findings and Recommendations which accompany this Stipulation.
6. Judge Jordan does not contest the Findings, and accepts the discipline recommended therein. He further waives a hearing before the Hearing Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission if the Court accepts the Findings and Recommendations.
7. The parties acknowledge and understand that this Stipulation and attached Findings and Recommendations of Discipline are subject

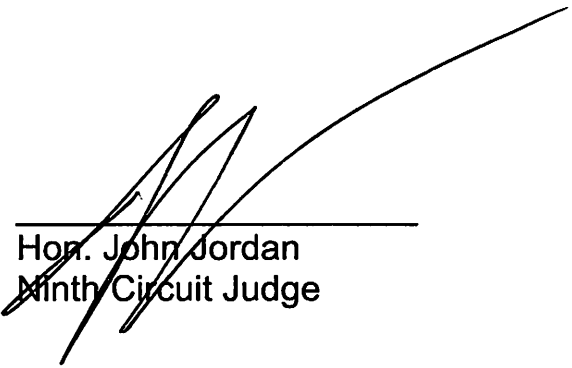
to the review and approval of this Court. The parties acknowledge and understand that this Stipulation, Findings and Recommendations of Discipline may be rejected by the Court, and in that event this matter may be returned to the Hearing Panel for a final plenary hearing. In such an event, the parties agree that none of the negotiations related to this Stipulation (or the attached Findings and Recommendations of Discipline) are admissible for any purpose.

8. The parties agree that oral argument before this Court is not necessary in light of the record, the nature of the charges, the contents of this Stipulation, and the attached Findings and Recommendations of Discipline. As previously noted, Judge Jordan waives his right to further hearings if they are accepted.

Dated this 23rd day of March 2026.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

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