

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,  
THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH A. SCHERER  
JQC No. 2022-785

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**STIPULATION**

In this disciplinary proceeding, the Investigative Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission ("the Commission") and Seventeenth Circuit Judge Elizabeth A. Scherer present the following stipulation to this Court pursuant to Article V, Section 12 of the Florida Constitution and Rule 12(a) of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission Rules.

1. Rule 12 allows the Commission to enter into stipulations for proposed discipline of a judge, which shall be transmitted directly to the Supreme Court.
2. A Notice of Investigation was served on Judge Scherer. A hearing was held before the Investigative Panel. Judge Scherer appeared with counsel and testified under oath at the hearing.
3. The Investigative Panel determined that probable cause existed and directed the filing of Formal Charges. This Stipulation is filed concurrently with a Notice of Formal Charges and the Findings and Recommendation of Discipline.
4. Judge Scherer admits she violated Canons 1, 2A, 3B(2), 3B(3), 3B(4), 3B(5), and 3B(9) of the Code of Judicial Conduct as described in the Notice of Formal Charges.

5. The Investigative Panel and Judge Scherer submit that the interests of justice and sound judicial administration are best served by approval of this Stipulation and by adopting the accompanying Findings and Recommendations.

6. Judge Scherer does not contest the Findings and Recommendations. She accepts and agrees to a public reprimand. Judge Scherer waives a final hearing before the Hearing Panel of the Commission if the Findings and Recommendations are accepted by the Court.

7. The Investigative Panel and Judge Scherer 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 and 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 hearing. Should that occur, the parties agree that none of the statements in the Stipulation (or the attached Findings and Recommendations of Discipline) are admissible in the final hearing. The parties further agree that negotiations related to this Stipulation are not admissible in the final hearing.

8. The Investigative Panel and Judge Scherer agree that oral argument before this Court is not necessary. Judge Scherer waives her right to further hearings if this Stipulation and the attached Findings and Recommendation of Discipline are accepted.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2023.

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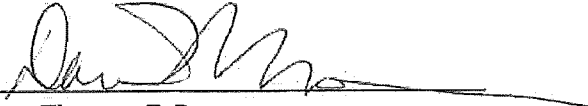
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