

**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF FLORIDA**

**INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,
THE HONORABLE STEFANIE C. MOON
JQC NOS. 2024-452, 2024-506, 2025-161**

SC2025-0071

AMENDED STIPULATION

In this disciplinary proceeding, the Investigative Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission and the Honorable Stefanie C. Moon, Circuit Judge, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, present the following Amended Stipulation to this Court pursuant to Article V, Section 12 of the Florida Constitution and Rule 6(k) of the Florida Judicial Qualification Commission's Rules. This Amended Stipulation is submitted to include the additional allegations, findings of fact and disciplinary recommendations arising from JQC Case No. 2025-161.

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. Notices of Investigation dated on or about August 9, 2024, and February 24, 2025, were served on Judge Moon. Hearings before the Investigative Panel were held in Tampa, Florida on October 25, 2024, and in Jacksonville, Florida on March 28, 2025, at which

Judge Moon appeared with counsel, and testified under oath. At the conclusion of each 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 a Findings and Recommendation of Discipline.

- 3. Upon being presented with the Notices of Investigation, and during her sworn testimony before the Commission, Judge Moon took immediate responsibility for her conduct. Judge Moon has admitted that her conduct was inappropriate and violated Canons 1, 2A, 3B(7), 5A and 7A.**
- 4. Judge Moon has expressed remorse and regrets that her actions have reflected poorly on judicial elections.**
- 5. In light of the facts and the Judge's responses to the Panel's inquiries, the Investigative Panel and Judge Moon respectfully submit that the interest 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 Moon does not contest the Findings and Recommendations, and accepts the discipline recommended therein. She further**

waives a plenary hearing before the Hearing Panel of the Florida 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 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 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 Moon waives her right to further hearings if they are accepted.**

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

Dated this 4th day of April 2025.

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