

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

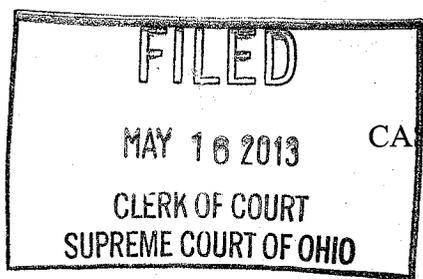
THOMAS BRANHAM, SR.,

Relator,

vs.

STEVE BUTCHER, et. al.,

Respondents.



**ANSWER OF RESPONDENT TERESA LISTON**

Now comes the Respondent, Teresa Liston, by and through counsel, who answers the Relator's complaint as follows:

1. Respondent Teresa Liston is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11 in Relator's Complaint, except as such information is contained in the public record.
2. Respondent Teresa Liston admits in part the allegation contained in Paragraph 8, in that she served as a visiting judge in the matter of case 12-CRB-01411, but denies the remainder of the allegation.
3. All other allegations not specifically admitted herein are denied.

**DEFENSES**

1. There is no right to a jury trial with respect to minor misdemeanors under Ohio Revised Code 2945.17.
2. The Respondent has judicial immunity under Ohio Revised Code 2744.03, which precludes this suit from going forward.
3. The Relator's filing does not contain a complaint that is in compliance with Ohio Civil Rule 10 or Supreme Court Practice Rule 12.02. For ease of response, Respondent has referred to paragraphs by the number each would be had the paragraphs been properly numbered.

4. Relator's complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Answer of Respondent Teresa Liston was sent to the following persons by regular U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013:

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