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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

State *ex rel.*, THE HONORABLE
ANGELA R. STOKES,

Relator,

v.

THE HONORABLE RONALD B. ADRINE,
et al.

Respondents.

: CASE NO: 14-0467

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: Original Action in
: Prohibition

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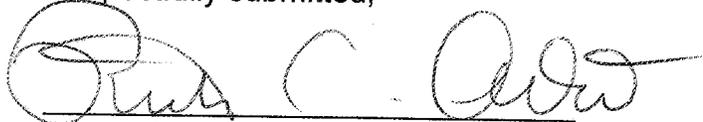
4. Ronald B. Adrine, Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court, issued Administrative Order No. 2014-006 on March 14, 2014 (Exhibit G).

5. Ronald B. Adrine, Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court, issued Administrative Order No. 2014-007 on March 14, 2014 (Exhibit H).

6. Ronald B. Adrine, Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court, issued Administrative Order No. 2014-008 on March 14, 2014 (Exhibit I).

7. On March 14, 2014, Ronald B. Adrine, Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court, issued Inter-office Correspondence to Judge Angela R. Stokes re: Temporary Transfer of Responsibility for all criminal misdemeanor, minor misdemeanor, and traffic matters appearing on the personal docket of the Honorable Angela R. Stokes. (Exhibit J).

Respectfully submitted,



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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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EARLE B. TURNER
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IN RE: Temporary Transfer and Reassignment of all Pending Criminal Misdemeanor, Criminal Minor Misdemeanor and Traffic Matters Currently Assigned to the Honorable Angela R. Stokes

Responsibility for all criminal misdemeanor, criminal minor misdemeanor and traffic matters currently assigned to the personal docket of the Honorable Angela R. Stokes is hereby transferred to the Administrative Judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court, for review and/or pending temporary reassignment. Any such transfers and temporary reassignments will be in effect only during the pendency of the certified complaint filed against Judge Stokes with the Supreme Court's Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline on October 14, 2013, unless the transferred case is otherwise resolved in the interim. The transfers are made pursuant to authority granted under Sup. R. 4(B) and Sup. R. 4(B)(1), and in order to maintain and enhance public confidence in the legal system (Paragraph 1, Preamble, Code of Judicial Conduct).

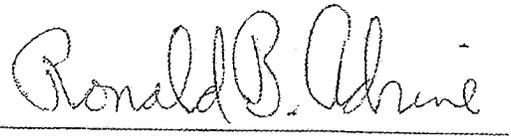
The transfers are justified for the following reasons:

- A certified complaint pending against Judge Stokes before the Ohio Supreme Court's Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline was gleaned from approximately 337 alleged violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct presented to the Cleveland Municipal Court.
- All of those allegations concerned her mishandling of criminal matters and mistreatment of participants in criminal hearings, including defendants, witnesses, police officers, prosecutors, private defense counsel, public defenders, court personnel and other members of the general public.
- Since the original complaint was presented to the Disciplinary Counsel, and continuing through and after the complaint's certification by the Board, nearly 100 additional written incident reports have been received by this office alleging similar problems involving the Judge's handling of her personal criminal docket.
- The court continues to average one to two new ethics complaints against Judge Stokes per week.

Pending resolution of the certified complaint, no additional criminal misdemeanor, minor misdemeanor or traffic matters are to be assigned to Judge Stokes.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 3/14/2014



Ronald B. Adrine
Administrative & Presiding Judge

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The transfers are justified for the following reasons:

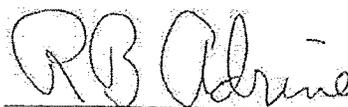
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Pending resolution of the certified complaint, no additional criminal misdemeanor, minor misdemeanor or traffic matters are to be assigned to Judge Stokes.

IT IS SO ORDERED, nunc pro tunc, for this court's earlier order regarding the same subject matter journalized on March 14, 2014.

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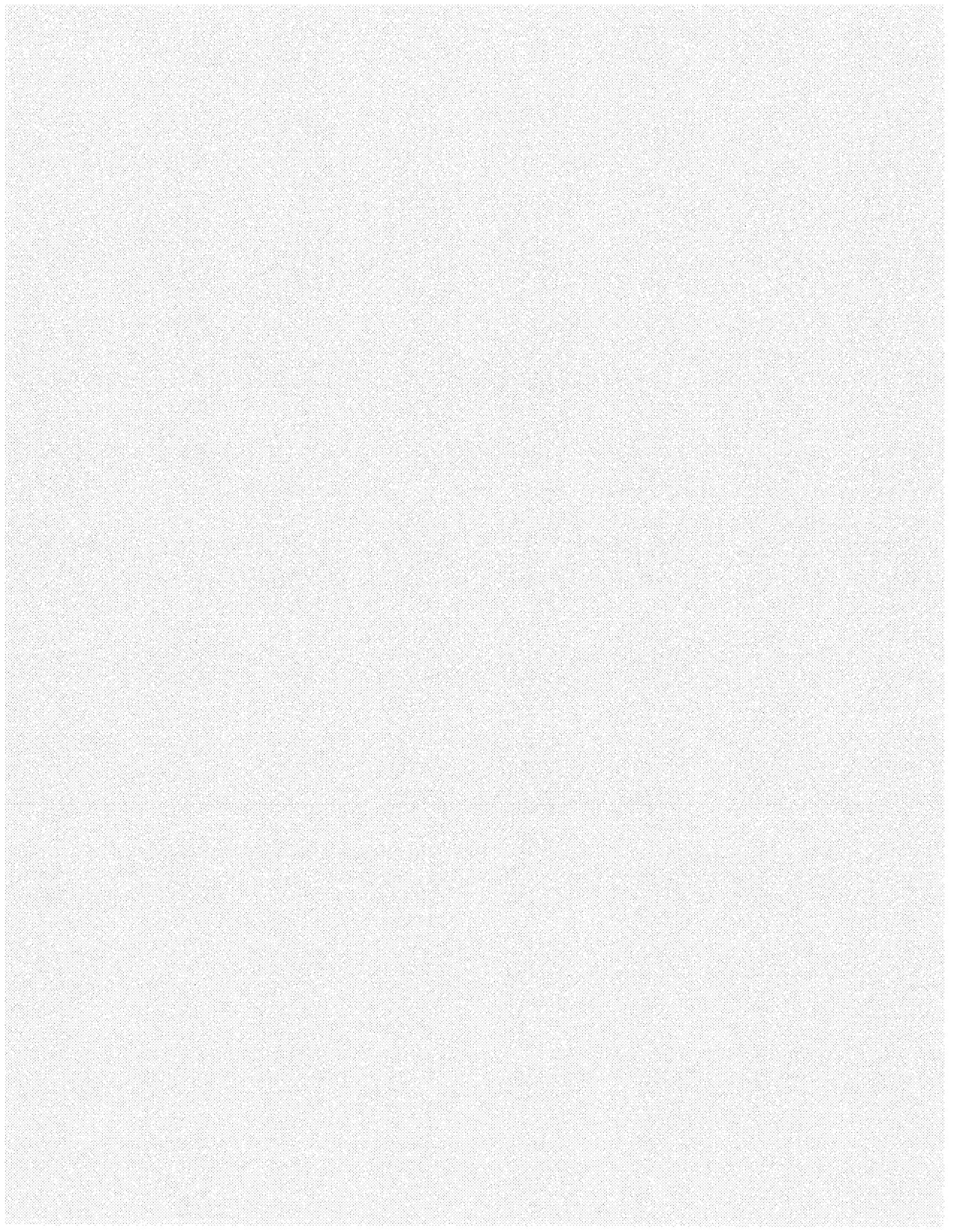
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EXHIBIT B



IN THE CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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IN RE: Temporary Transfer and Status Review of all Probation Matters on the Personal Docket of the Honorable Angela R. Stokes

Responsibility for the supervision of all criminal defendants currently maintained on probation on the personal docket of the Honorable Angela R. Stokes is hereby transferred to the Administrative Judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court, for status review and/or possible temporary reassignment. Said transfer and temporary reassignments will only be in effect during the pendency of the certified complaint filed against Judge Stokes with the Supreme Court's Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline on October 14, 2013, unless a case is otherwise resolved in the interim. The transfer is made pursuant to authority granted under Sup. R. 4(B) and Sup. R. 4(B)(1), and in order to maintain and enhance public confidence in the legal system (Paragraph 1, Preamble, Code of Judicial Conduct).

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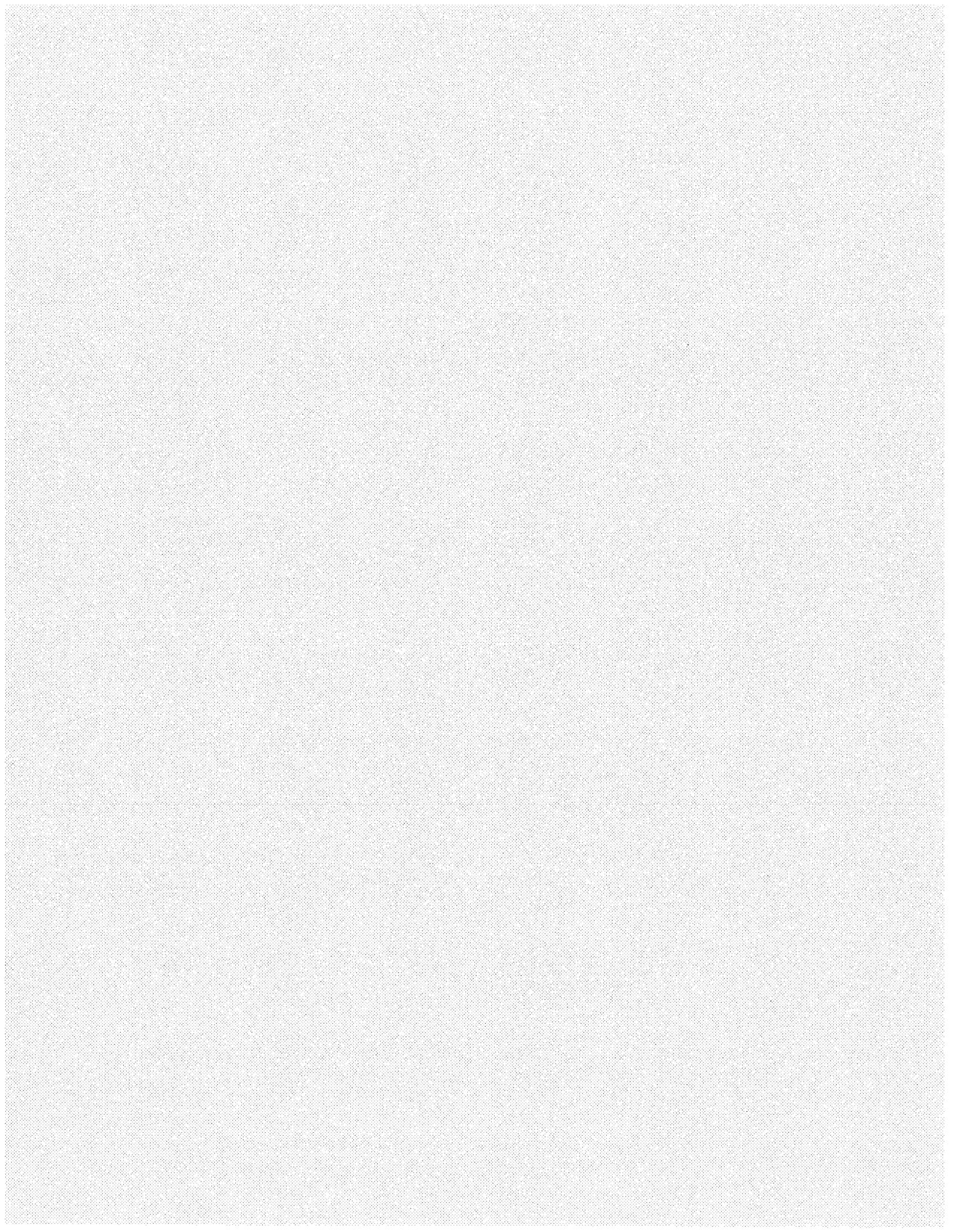
Pending resolution of the certified complaint, no probation matters shall be assigned to Judge Stokes for supervision.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 3/14/2014



Ronald B. Adrine
Administrative & Presiding Judge



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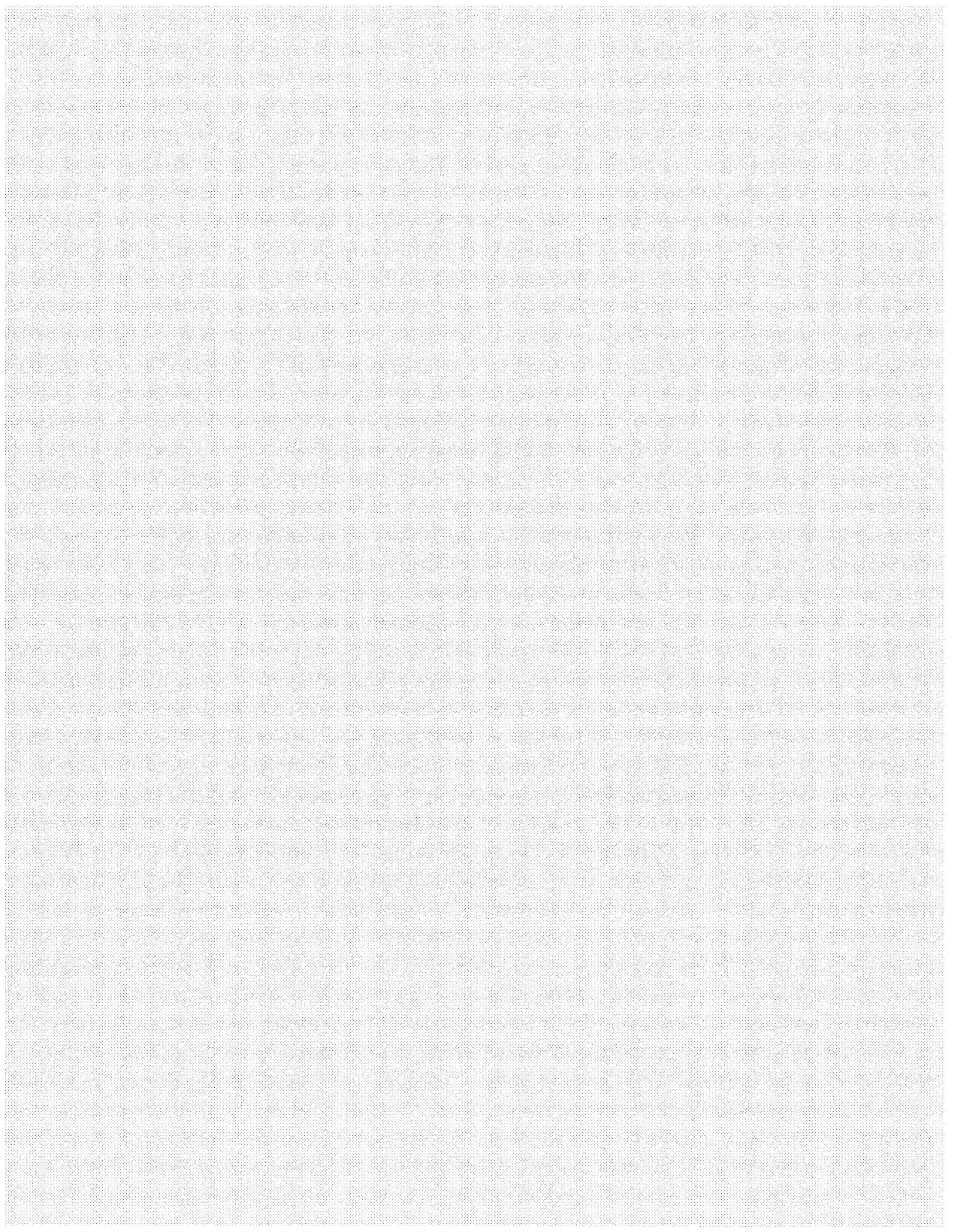
IT IS SO ORDERED, nunc pro tunc, for this court's earlier order regarding the same subject matter journalized on March 14, 2014.

Date:

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Ronald B. Adrine
Administrative & Presiding Judge



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**IN RE: Temporary Transfer of Responsibility for Status Review of Individuals
Sentenced to Incarceration by the Honorable Angela R. Stokes**

Responsibility for status review of all criminal defendants sentenced to a period of incarceration by the Honorable Angela R. Stokes is hereby temporarily transferred to the Administrative Judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court. Said transfer will be in effect only during the pendency of the certified complaint filed against Judge Stokes with the Supreme Court's Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline on October 14, 2013, unless the case is otherwise resolved in the interim. The transfer is made pursuant to authority granted under Sup. R. 4(B) and Sup. R. 4(B)(1), and in order to maintain and enhance public confidence in the legal system (Paragraph 1, Preamble, Code of Judicial Conduct).

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- The court continues to average one to two new ethics complaints against Judge Stokes per week.

Pending resolution of the certified complaint, no incarceration status reviews shall be conducted by Judge Stokes.

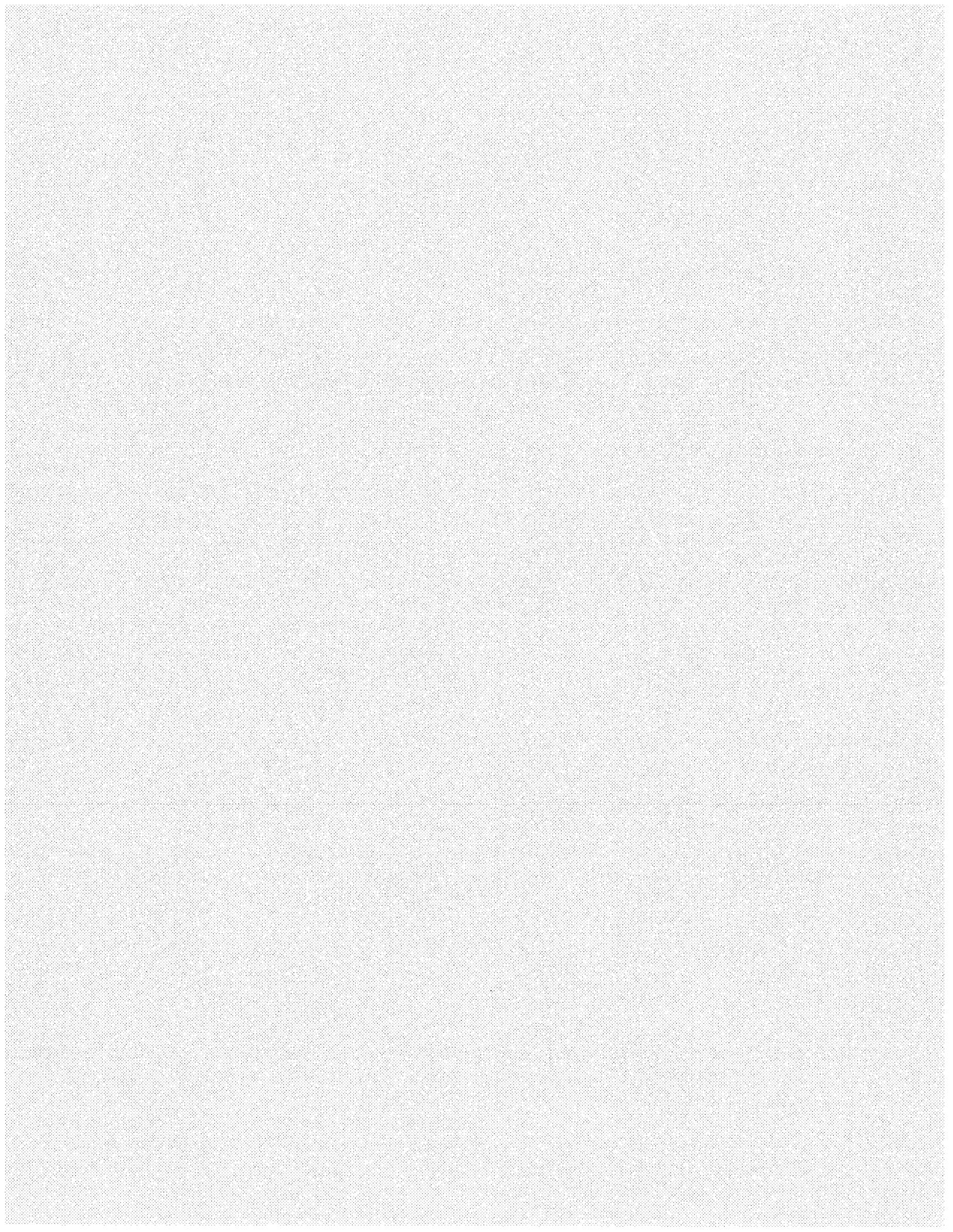
IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 3/14/2014



Ronald B. Adrine
Administrative & Presiding Judge

EXHIBIT E



IN THE CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT

STATE OF OHIO

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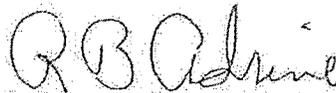
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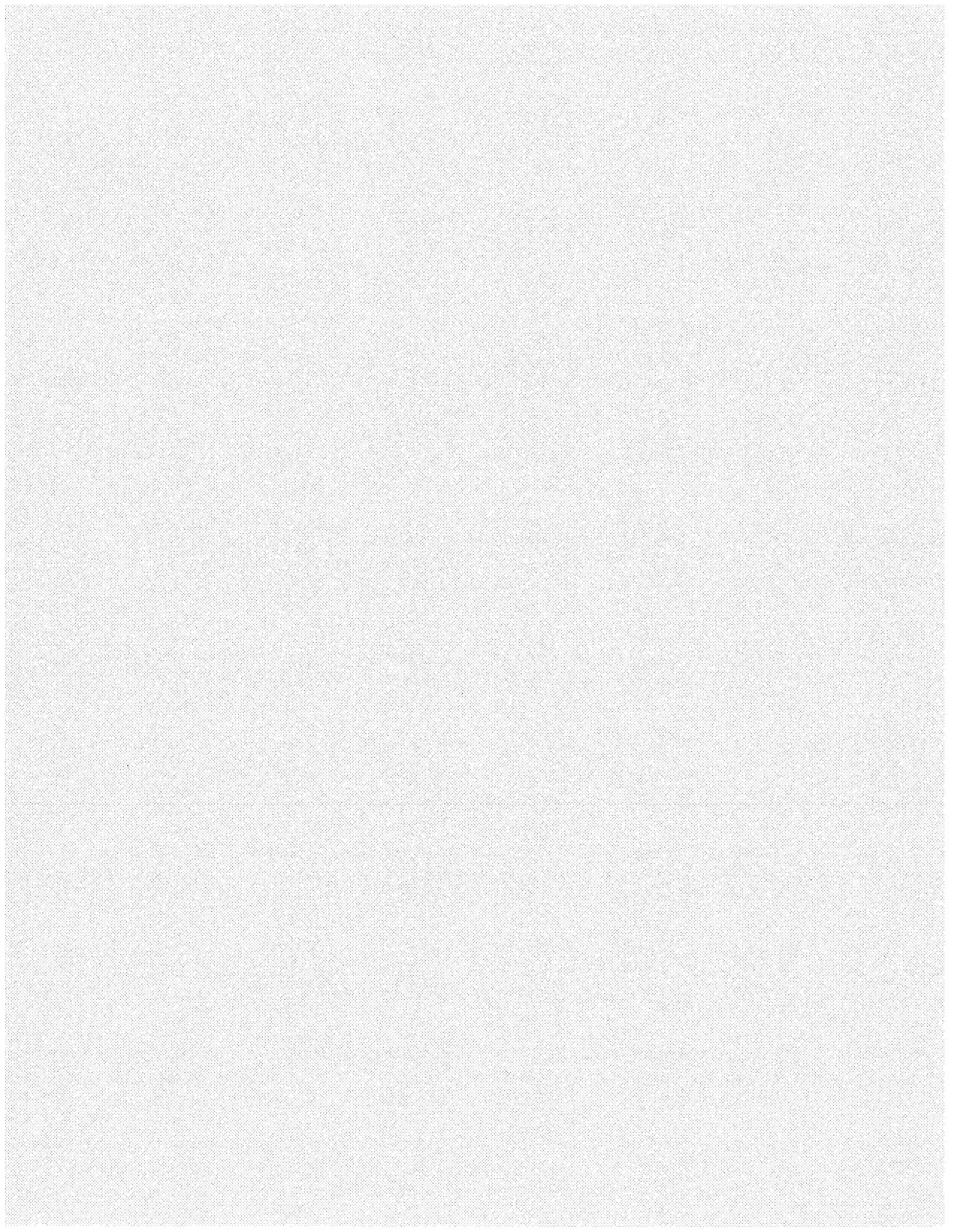
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IN RE: **TEMPORARY INCREASE IN CIVIL CASE ASSIGNMENTS TO THE
PERSONAL DOCKET OF THE HONORABLE ANGELA R. STOKES**

Due to the temporary transfer of all criminal matters assigned to the personal docket of the Honorable Angela R. Stokes, Central Scheduling is hereby ordered to adjust the random draw of case assignments as follows:

1. Pursuant to Administrative Order 2014-003, and until further administrative order, Judge Stokes is ordered removed from the court's random draw of criminal misdemeanor, minor misdemeanor and traffic cases.
2. Due to the temporary transfer of all criminal, quasi-criminal and traffic matters from Judge Stokes' personal docket, central scheduling is ordered to adjust the civil random draw to increase the percentage of civil cases assigned to Judge Stokes, until further administrative order.

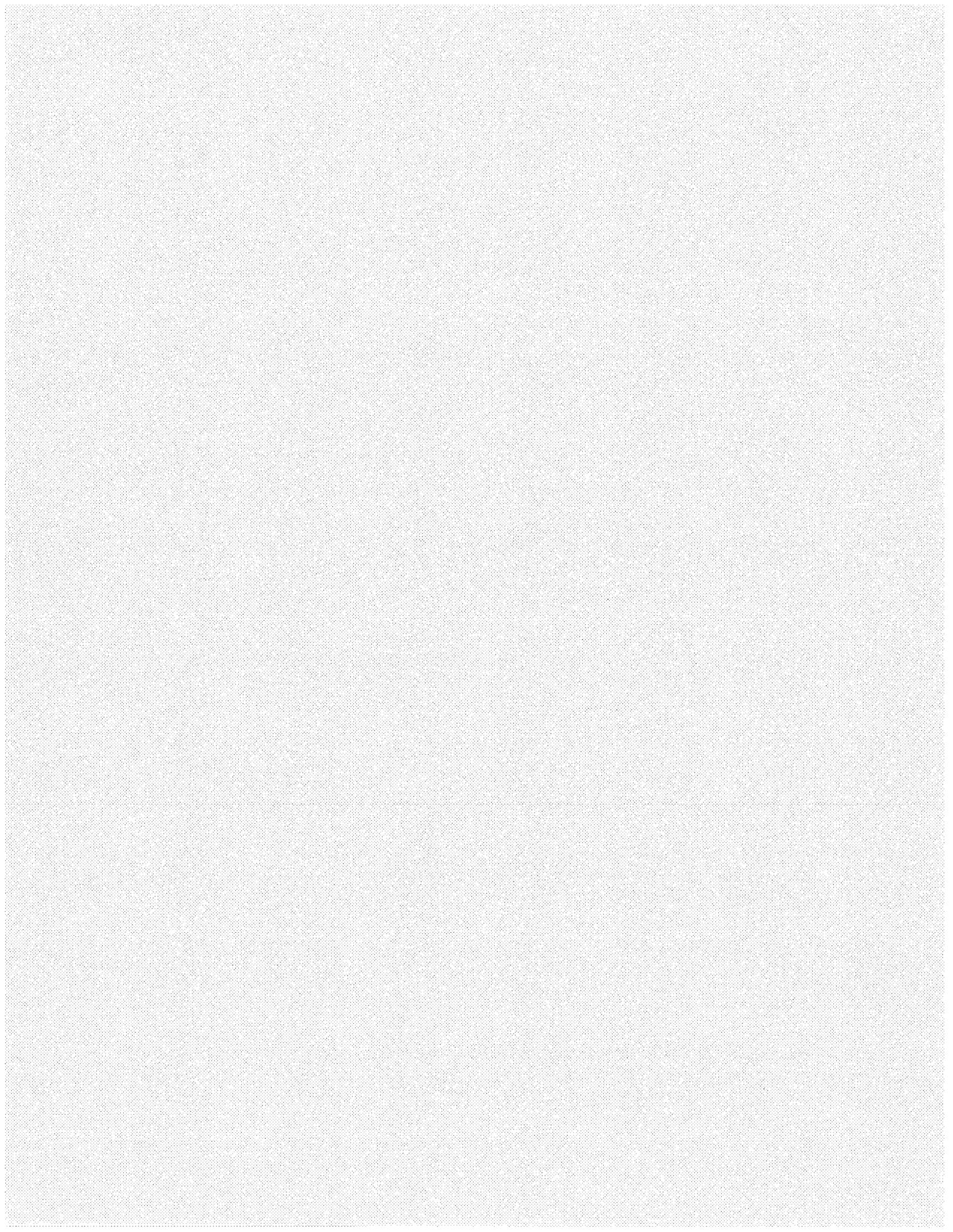
In addition, Judge Stokes is continually assigned to Particular Session One as follows: two weeks on, followed by one week off, beginning the week of March 24, 2014, while the certified complaint filed with the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline is pending against her in the Ohio Supreme Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 3/14/2014



Ronald B. Adrine
Administrative & Presiding Judge



IN THE CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT

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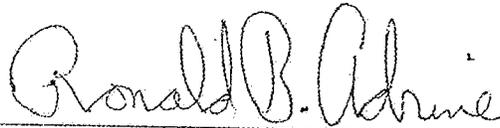
IN RE: Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Motion to Transfer Cases from the Docket of Hon. Angela R. Stokes and to Stop the Further Assignment of Criminal Cases to Her Docket

This matter came on for hearing on the court's Administrative Docket.

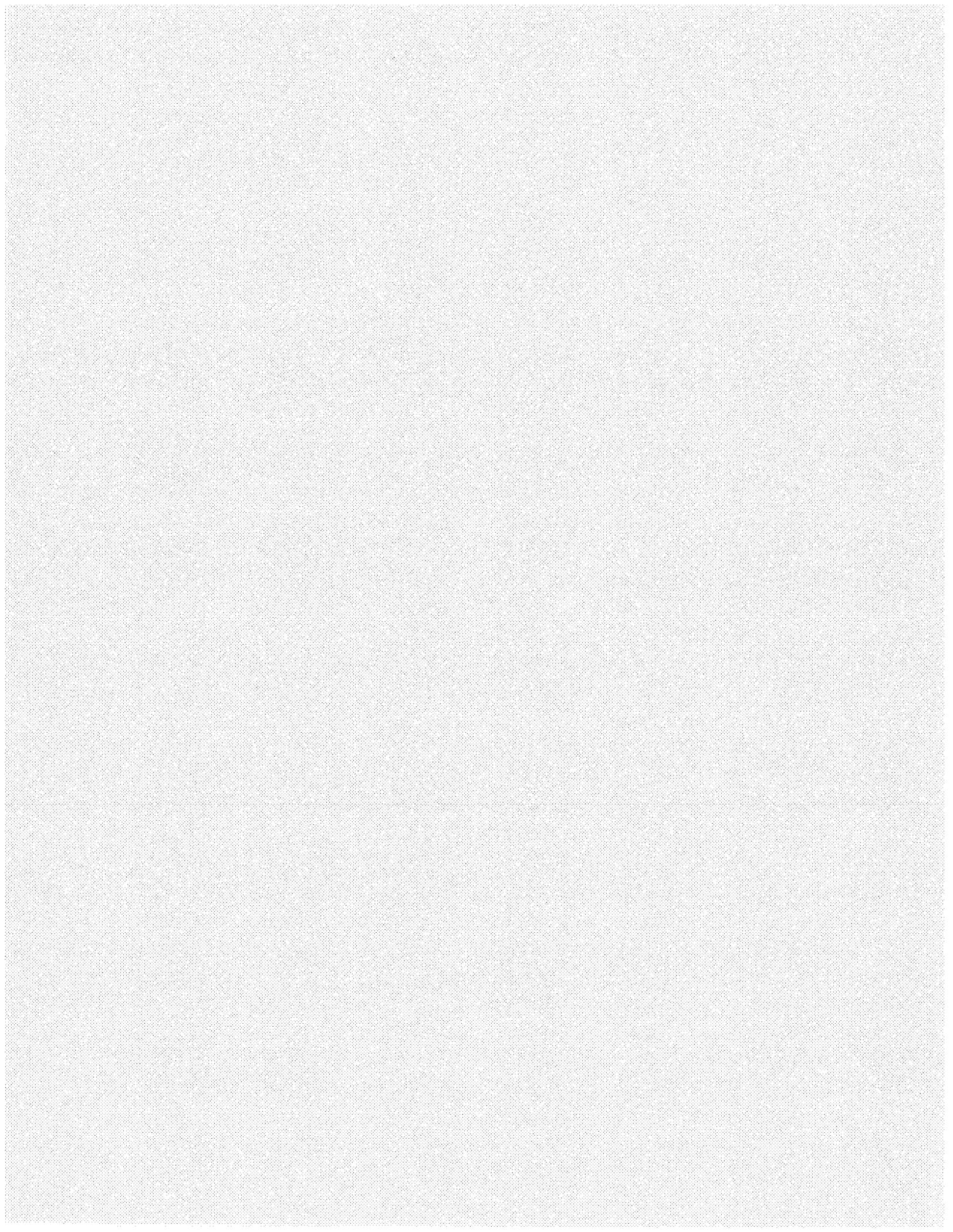
Upon full review and due consideration, the motion is DENIED as MOOT.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 3/14/2014



Ronald B. Adrine
Administrative & Presiding Judge



IN THE CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT

STATE OF OHIO
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

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IN RE: Physical Retrieval of all Pending Criminal Misdemeanor, Criminal Minor Misdemeanor and Traffic Matters Currently Assigned to the Personal Docket of the Honorable Angela R. Stokes for Review, Temporary Transfer and/or Reassignment

Pursuant to the directives found in Administrative Orders 2014-003, 2014-004 and 2014-005, the Clerk and Central Scheduling Office are instructed to exercise all due diligence to physically retrieve all criminal misdemeanor, criminal minor misdemeanor and traffic case files currently assigned to the personal docket of, and in the custody of, the Honorable Angela R. Stokes.

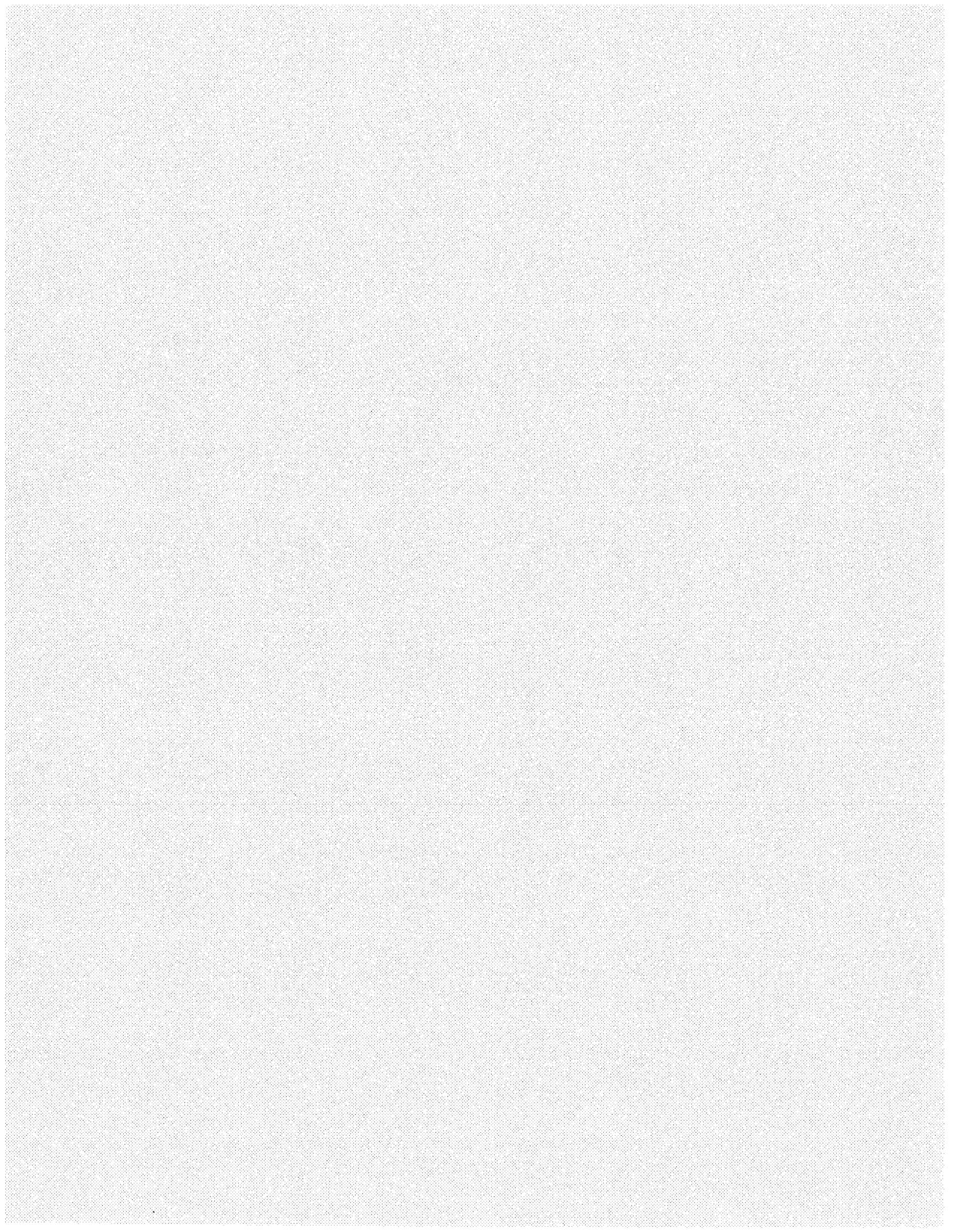
If all due diligence fails to retrieve the files, the Clerk is directed to construct a duplicate file for the court's use.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 3/14/2014



Ronald B. Adrine
Administrative & Presiding Judge



CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT
Judicial Division
Inter-Office Correspondence

TO: Hon. Angela R. Stokes

FROM: Hon. Ronald B. Adrine
Administrative & Presiding Judge 

DATE: March 14, 2014

RE: **Temporary Transfer of Responsibility for All Criminal Misdemeanor, Minor Misdemeanor and Traffic Matters Appearing on the Personal Docket of the Honorable Angela R. Stokes**

Judge:

Please be informed that, pursuant to authority granted to the Administrative Judge by R.4(B) and R.4(B)(1) of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, I have issued the attached Administrative Orders temporarily transferring responsibility for oversight, review and disposition of all criminal, quasi-criminal and traffic matters appearing on your personal docket. This includes matters previously resolved and placed on probation and those under sentence of incarceration. The justification for this action is set forth in the attached Administrative Orders.

The transfer was effective upon the journalization of the aforementioned Administrative Orders and will continue only until such time as the certified complaint pending against you before the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline is resolved in the Supreme Court of Ohio.

While the Administrative Orders are in effect, Central Scheduling is under instruction not to assign any new criminal misdemeanor, criminal minor misdemeanor or traffic cases to your personal docket.

In addition, while the Administrative Orders are in place, all cases assigned to your personal docket will be civil. Central Scheduling is under instruction to increase the percentage of civil cases assigned to you in order to stabilize your caseload during this period and you are hereby notified of an increase in your assignment to Particular Session One until the certified complaint pending against you before the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline is resolved in the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Please be informed that your access to all of the noted files assigned to you before the issuance of these orders is now embargoed while the transfer is affected. Recognizing that you may require access to some criminal, quasi-criminal and/or traffic matters in order to assist in the preparation of your response to the certified complaint, please be informed that access may be

obtained through the office of the Administrative Judge while the Administrative Orders of transfer are in effect.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

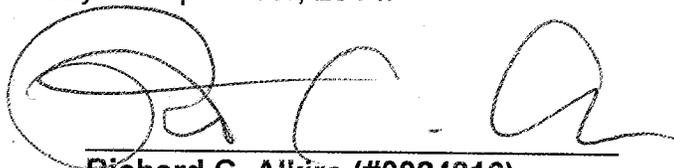
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Attachments

cc: Associate Judges
Earle B. Turner, Clerk of Court
Department Managers
Victor Perez, Chief Prosecutor, City of Cleveland
Robert Tobik, Cuyahoga County Public Defender
David Carroll, Interim Commissioner, Dept. of Corrections, City of Cleveland

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing **STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES** was filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court via Federal Express and ordinary mail and emailed to counsel for Respondent, Alvin E. Mathews, Jr. and Gerhard A. Gosnell II, James E. Arnold & Associates, LPA, 115 West Main St., Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43215, this 22nd day of September, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Alkire', written over a horizontal line.

Richard C. Alkire (#0024816)
Dean Nieding (#0003532)