

Pursuant to Gov. Bar. R. V(19)(C)(1), Respondent Angela Rochelle Stokes hereby moves this Honorable Court for an Order granting her leave to file a Motion for Dissolution of the Interim Remedial Suspension ordered by this Honorable Court on December 18, 2014. (Order attached hereto as Ex. A)

In this regard, the Amended Complaint filed with the Board and which was pending at the time of the issuance of the aforementioned Order of Interim Remedial Suspension has been dismissed by the Panel Chair upon Relator's Motion to Dismiss to which Respondent's Affidavit was attached (the Dismissal Order of January 6, 2016 is attached hereto as Ex. B). Further, Respondent has retired from her position as Judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court. (See Ex. C, letter to Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor with copy of letter to Governor John Kasich, with copies of return receipts). Lastly, Respondent has agreed to refrain from seeking or accepting appointment to any State Court judicial position. (See Ex. B.) Thus, Respondent no longer poses "a substantial threat of serious harm to the public," within the meaning of Gov. Bar. R. V(19)(C)(1), if she ever did.

Accordingly, Respondent respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant her leave to file a Motion for Dissolution of this Honorable Court's Interim Remedial Suspension Order of December 18, 2014 which will be based upon all of the grounds asserted herein.

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Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A

It is further ordered that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. X(13), respondent shall complete one credit hour of continuing legal education for each month, or portion of a month, of the suspension. As part of the total credit hours of continuing legal education required by Gov.Bar R. X(13), respondent shall complete one credit hour of instruction related to professional conduct required by Gov.Bar R. X(3)(B) for each six months, or portion of six months, of the suspension.

It is further ordered that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent complies with the requirements for reinstatement set forth in the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, (2) respondent complies with this and all other orders issued by this court, (3) respondent complies with the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, and (4) this court orders respondent reinstated.

It is further ordered by the court that within 90 days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded by the Clients' Security Fund pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F). It is further ordered by the court that if after the date of this order the Clients' Security Fund awards any amount against respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Clients' Security Fund within 90 days of the notice of that award.

It is further ordered that on or before 30 days from the date of this order, respondent shall do the following:

1. Notify all clients being represented in pending matters and any co-counsel of respondent's suspension and consequent disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order and, in the absence of co-counsel, also notify the clients to seek legal service elsewhere, calling attention to any urgency in seeking the substitution of another attorney in respondent's place;
2. Regardless of any fees or expenses due, deliver to all clients being represented in pending matters any papers or other property pertaining to the client or notify the clients or co-counsel, if any, of a suitable time and place where the papers or other property may be obtained, calling attention to any urgency for obtaining such papers or other property;
3. Refund any part of any fees or expenses paid in advance that are unearned or not paid and account for any trust money or property in his possession or control;
4. Notify opposing counsel or, in the absence of counsel, the adverse parties in pending litigation of his disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order and file a notice of disqualification of respondent with the court or agency before which the litigation is pending for inclusion in the respective file or files;
5. Send all notices required by this order by certified mail with a return address where communications may thereafter be directed to respondent;

6. File with the clerk of this court and disciplinary counsel of the Supreme Court an affidavit showing compliance with this order, showing proof of service of the notices required herein, and setting forth the address where respondent may receive communications; and
7. Retain and maintain a record of the various steps taken by respondent pursuant to this order.

It is further ordered that respondent shall keep the clerk and disciplinary counsel advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

It is further ordered that all documents filed with this court in this case shall meet the filing requirements set forth in the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, including requirements as to form, number, and timeliness of filings. All case documents are subject to Sup.R. 44 through 47, which govern access to court records.

It is further ordered that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this case, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has given to the Office of Attorney Services.

It is further ordered that the clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(1), that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(2), and that respondent bear the costs of publication.



Maureen O'Connor
Chief Justice

EXHIBIT B

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

In re:

Complaint against

Angela Rochelle Stokes

Respondent

Disciplinary Counsel

Relator

Case No. 2013-057

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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

ORDER

This matter comes before the panel chair upon consideration of Relator's December 22, 2015 motion to dismiss its first amended complaint filed in this matter. The panel chair, *sua sponte*, considers Relator's motion as a motion for leave to voluntarily dismiss in accordance with Board Proc. Reg. 9.

Relator's motion is made in consideration of Respondent's agreement, as reflected by her affidavit attached to the Relator's motion, to immediately retire from the Cleveland Municipal Court and to refrain from seeking election or accepting appointment to any state court judicial position in Ohio. Upon consideration of the Relator's motion and Respondent's affidavit attached thereto, and after having conducted a hearing on the motion to dismiss on January 6, 2016, the panel chair grants leave to voluntarily dismiss, finds the motion dismiss to be well-taken and grants the motion, and hereby orders that this matter be dismissed. The director shall provide notice of the dismissal to the parties.


Stephen C. Rodeheffer, Panel Chair

EXHIBIT C

Angela Rochelle Stokes
38 Oakshore Drive
Bratenahl, Ohio 44108

January 6, 2016

Via Certified Mail

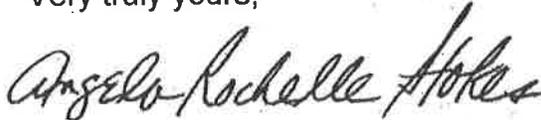
Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor
The Supreme Court of Ohio
65 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

Dear Chief Justice O'Connor:

Pursuant to Rule VII, Section 1(B) of the Rules of the Government of the Judiciary, hereby submit my notification to you of my retirement from the Office of Cleveland Municipal Court Judge for the term January 2, 2012 to January 1, 2018, effective January 6, 2016. A copy of the letter I have submitted to the Governor of the State of Ohio is enclosed herewith, pursuant to Rule VII, Section 1(A) of the Rules of the Government of the Judiciary.

I am thankful to the citizens of the City of Cleveland for the opportunity and privilege to have served them as Judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court since 1995.

Very truly yours,



Angela Rochelle Stokes

ARS:Imm

Cc: Stephen C. Rodeheffer, Esq., Panel Chair
Janica Pierce Tucker, Esq.
The Honorable Robert P. Ringland
Joseph Caligiuri, Esq., Chief Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

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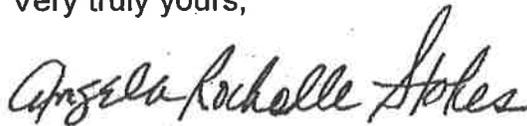
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Dear Governor Kasich:

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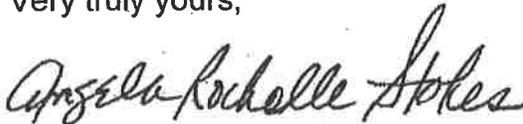
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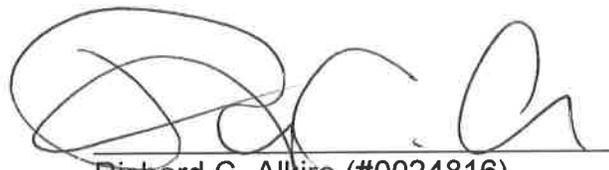
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of **RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE MOTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF INTERIM REMEDIAL SUSPENSION ORDER** has been filed via e-filing with the Supreme Court of Ohio and a service copy e-mailed this 20th day of January, 2016 to:

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