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Candace Moody, Executive Director/Counsel  
Advisory Council on Judicial Conduct  
25 Market Street  
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Trenton, New Jersey 08625

**Re: ACJC 2019-357  
File No: 21182**

Dear Ms. Moody:

Our office recently filed an Answer in the above referenced matter. It has come to my attention that Paragraph 60, the First Affirmative Defense, is poorly phrased and possibly misleading.

It currently reads:

60. Respondent's mistakes, missteps, lack of prior preparation and education for the position she was ascending to and the lack of competence demonstrated in not knowing some basic legal tenants all occurred in the very early months of her first judicial appointment. This trial commenced little more than two months into her judgeship. *She had not received any instruction, no "baby judge college"* and was admittedly unaware of some basic principles and nuances related to her role as judge.

The trial at the core of the Complaint, though not fully the setting for all the allegations, commenced on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and continued on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, concluding on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Rasul's AOC training classes, the Orientation for Municipal Court Judges, took place on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, concluding on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thus, the training had not yet begun as of the first day of the trial in question (February 5<sup>th</sup>), and had not yet concluded as of the subsequent days of trial.

Please consider this correction as amending the First Affirmative Defense. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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