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SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT

DOCKET NO: ACJC 2006-242

IN THE MATTER OF

DENNIS L. MCGILL
JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

FORMAL COMPLAINT

Candace Moody, Disciplinary Counsel, Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct
("Complainant"), complaining of Municipal Court Judge Dennis L. McGill ("Respondent"),
says:

1. Respondent is a member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, having been admitted to the practice of law in 1965.
2. At all times relevant to these matters, Respondent served as Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court for the Hudson vicinage.
3. On July 18, 2006, Respondent presided over an involuntary commitment hearing In the Matter of B [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] (the "Hearing") at the Jersey City Medical Center.
4. At the conclusion of the Hearing, Respondent ordered Mr. A [REDACTED] continued commitment in the Jersey City Medical Center and, if necessary, Mr. A [REDACTED] transfer to Meadowview Psychiatric Hospital.
5. Mr. A [REDACTED] responded: "And go . . . [expletive] . . . your mother."
6. In response to Mr. A [REDACTED] outburst, Respondent instructed Mr. A [REDACTED] to leave the hearing room.

7. Mr. A [REDACTED] did not leave the hearing room voluntarily, but rather continued to swear at Respondent.

8. Mr. A [REDACTED] also spit at Respondent, but because of the physical distance between Respondent and Mr. A [REDACTED], the spit did not hit Respondent.

9. In response to Mr. A [REDACTED] continuing swearing and refusal to leave the hearing room, Respondent threw a cup of soup at Mr. A [REDACTED]

10. The soup struck Mr. A [REDACTED] in the face and hair and soiled his clothing. The soup also struck nearby individuals.

11. Respondent's conduct, as cited above, was physically violent, in violation of Canons 3A(2)(3) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, intemperate in violation of Rule 2:15-8(a)(4), and prejudicial to the administration of justice thereby bringing the judicial office into disrepute, in violation of Rule 2:15-8(a)(6).

12. Although provoked, by his conduct Respondent also violated Canons 1 and 2A of the Code of Judicial Conduct in that he did not maintain high standards of conduct and did not act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the Judiciary.

WHEREFORE, Complainant charges that Respondent, Municipal Court Judge Dennis L. McGill, has violated the following Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct:

Canon 1, which requires judges to observe high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary may be preserved;

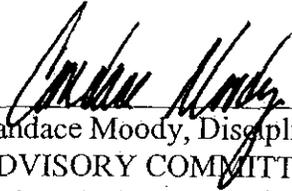
Canon 2A, which requires judges to respect and comply with the law and to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary;

Canon 3A(2), which requires judges to maintain order and decorum in judicial proceedings;

Canon 3A(3), which requires judges to be patient, dignified, and courteous to all those with whom they deal in an official capacity; and

Complainant also charges that Respondent's conduct was intemperate and prejudicial to the administration of justice thereby bringing the judicial office into disrepute, in violation of Rule 2:15-8(a)(4)(6).

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