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IN THE MATTER OF

ANTONIO INACIO
JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT;

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
JUDICAL CONDUCT

DOCKET NO.: ACIC 2013-222

ANSWER TO FORMAL COMPLAINT

Respondent Antonio Inacio, Judge of the Municipal Courts of Garwood, Clark and Scotch Plains with offices at 25 Broadway, Clark, NJ 07066, by way of Answer to the Formal Complaint in the within matter does say:

1. Admitted.
2. Admitted.

COUNT I

3. Admitted.
4. Admitted.
5. Admitted to the best of Respondent's knowledge and belief.
6. Admitted to the best of Respondent's knowledge and belief.
7. Admitted to the best of Respondent's knowledge and belief.
8. Admitted.
9. Denied.
10. Admitted.
11. Admitted.
12. Admitted.

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13. Admitted.

14. Admitted to the extent that Respondent encountered the detective in a hallway; denied that Respondent made any affirmative effort to contact him.

15. Admitted.

16. Admitted.

17. Admitted.

18. Admitted.

19. Admitted.

20. Admitted.

21. Admitted.

22. Denied to the extent that Respondent was not attempting to utilize his office to "advance the private interests of the daughter of the Garwood Councilman…". Admitted to the extent that Respondent was attempting to assist the subject individual in a manner which could clearly be perceived as a violation of Canons 1, 2A and 2B of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

23. Admitted to the extent that Respondent's actions could clearly have created an appearance of impropriety as alleged.

COUNT II

24. Respondent repeats each response to the allegations of the preceding paragraphs as if same were fully set forth at length herein.

25. Admitted.

26. Admitted.

27. Admitted.

28. Admitted.

29. Admitted to the extent Respondent forwarded a Notice of Application for Wage Execution to Michael Betman, c/o MKB Construction Inc. on behalf of Councilman X's company; denied that Respondent "filed" any documents.

30. Admitted.

31. Admitted.

32. Admitted.

33. Admitted.

34. Admitted.

WHEREFORE Respondent admits the allegation of the Formal Complaint.

SEPARATE DEFENSES

1. Respondent at no time acted with any intent to violate the Rules of the Court or the Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct.
2. Respondent has never been publicly disciplined.
3. Respondent has been candid with the Committee investigator into the matter, has expressed sincere remorse for his conduct, and has otherwise been fully cooperative.
4. Respondent has been a Municipal Judge for over two decades, and has handled literally tens of thousands of cases without any prior Formal Complaints.
5. Respondent's conduct was aberrational and not likely to occur.
6. The quantum of discipline to be imposed upon Respondent should, based on the facts, be limited to a reprimand.
7. Respondent enjoys an extremely favorable reputation among members of the Bench and Bar as a Municipal Judge for his competence and demeanor.

Respectfully,

KOLOGI • SIMITZ, Counsellors at Law

By:

EDWARD J. KOLOGI, ESQ.

Dated: 12-19-13