SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
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IN THE MATTER OF :

GERALD J. COUNCIL, :

A JUDGE OF :

THE SUPERIOR COURT :

ORDER

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The Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct having filed with the Court pursuant to Rule 2:15-15(a), a presentment recommending that **GERALD J. COUNCIL**, a Judge of the Superior Court, be publicly reprimanded for violating Canon 1(a judge should observe high standards of conduct so the integrity and independence of judiciary may be preserved), Canon 2A(a judge should act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of judiciary), and Canon 3C(1)(a judge should disqualify himself in any proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned and when a person within a third-degree of relationship to the judge is a party to a proceeding) of the Code of Judicial Conduct and Rule 2:15-8(a)(6) (a judge should not engage in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute);

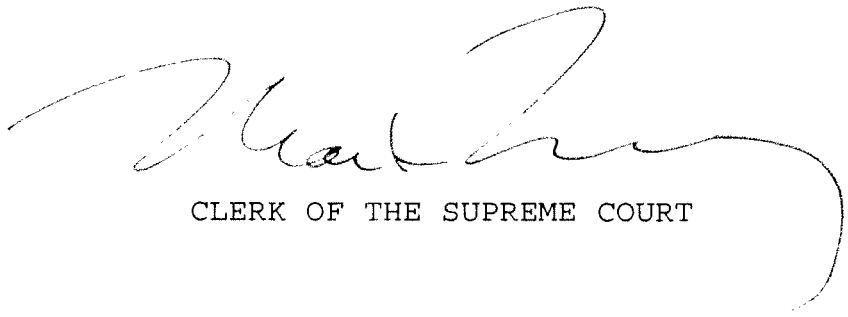
And respondent, through counsel, having accepted the findings of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct and having waived his right to the issuance of an Order to Show Cause and a hearing before the Supreme Court;

And the Court having determined that an admonition is the appropriate sanction for respondent's misconduct;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that the Court hereby adopts the findings of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct and admonishes **GERALD J. COUNCIL**, a Judge of the Superior Court, for his violations of Canons 1, 2A, and 3C(1) of the Code of Judicial Conduct and Rule 2:15-8(a)(6).

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 3rd day of May, 2010.



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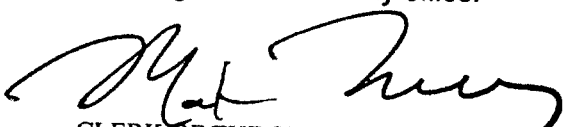

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