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IN TNE MATTER OF
GERALD KEEGAN,
JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
JUDCIAL CONDUCT

Docket No. ACJC 2013-093

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND
ANSWER TO FORMAL COMPLAINT

Gerald Keegan, Judge of the Municipal Court (hereinafter referred to as Respondent) by way of response to the Formal Complaint filed by the AJAC says:

1. Respondent admits the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 thru 4 of the Formal Complaint.

5. Respondent admits that at all times relevant to this matter he was aware that Anthony T. Ardis , herein referred to as "Ardis", was under indictment for the offenses described in Paragraph 4 of the Formal Complaint. Respondent makes no response to the characterization of the Ardis arrest and/or indictment as "highly publicized" since the term highly publicized is not defined in the formal complaint.

6. Respondent has no specific recollection of the articles dealing with the arrest and indictment of Ardis and the content of those articles. Respondent admits that he was a long time friend of Ardis and at all times relevant to the Complaint knew that Ardis was indicted.

7. Respondent admits the allegations contained in Paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of the Formal Complaint.

10. Respondent admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 10. Respondent avers that the pre mass diner referred to in this Paragraph and the mass itself were really as single event.

11. Respondent admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of the Formal Complaint.

12. Respondent admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of the Formal Complaint except to state that he did not intentionally violate the Cannons of Judicial Conduct.

13. Respondent admits that he dined with Mr. Ardis in the context of the activities set forth in Paragraph 10. Respondent denies any allegations, express or implied, that he intended to demean the Office of the Judiciary. In connection with this denial, the Respondent would ask the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct to note his unblemished record as both a lawyer and a judge, and the high regard he holds among his professional colleagues.

Wherefore, Respondent requests that the Committee find that his conduct did not intentionally and/or unintentionally violate the applicable Cannons of Judicial Conduct and that this Committee recommend that the Supreme Court of New Jersey impose no discipline as to Respondent.

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Dated : 10/11/13

Certification

I hereby certify that the within answer has been filed and served in accordance with the Rules of Court as they apply to this proceeding.

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