

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
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In the Matter of

Guy W. Killen,

A Judge of the Municipal
Court

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This matter having been submitted to the Court by the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct pursuant to Rule 2:12-15A(b), following the granting by the Committee of an application for discipline by consent in ACJC 2021-020 of **Guy W. Killen**, who was a Judge of the Municipal Courts of the City of Vineland and the Township of West Deptford;

And Disciplinary Counsel/Presenter and Respondent having entered into a stipulation of discipline by consent in which it was agreed that Respondent violated Canon 1, Rule 1.1 (requiring jurists to observe high standards of conduct to preserve the integrity and independence of the judiciary), and Rule 1.2 (requiring jurists to respect to comply with the law); Canon 2, Rule 2.1 (requiring jurists to promote public confidence by avoiding impropriety and the appearance of impropriety), Rule 2.2 (requiring jurists to decide cases according to the law and facts, and not permit personal relationships or other interests to influence their judicial conduct or judgment), and Rule 2.3 (A)

(prohibiting jurists from using the prestige of judicial office to advance the personal or economic interests of the judge or others); Canon 3, Rule 3.6 (C) (requiring jurists to be impartial and refrain from manifesting by words or conduct, bias or prejudice in the performance of their judicial duties), Rule 3.8 (prohibiting jurists from initiating or considering ex parte communication concerning a pending or impending proceeding), and Rule 3.17 (B) (requiring jurists to disqualify themselves in proceedings in which their impartiality for the appearance of their impartiality might reasonably be questioned) of the Code of Judicial Conduct; and Rule 1:12-1 (g) of the New Jersey Rules of Court (requiring judges to disqualify themselves in proceedings in which there exists any reason that might preclude a fair and unbiased hearing and judgment, or which might reasonably lead counsel or the parties to believe so);

And the parties having agreed that Respondent's judicial misconduct in violation of Canon 1, Rule 1.1 and Rule 1.2; Canon 2, Rule 2.1, Rule 2.2, and Rule 2.3 (A); and Canon 3, Rule 3.6, Rule 3.8, and Rule 3.17 (B) of the Code of Judicial Conduct; and Rule 1:12-1(g) of the New Jersey Rules of Court warrants a public disciplinary sanction within the range of a public reprimand to a public censure;

And the Committee having recommended to the Court that the appropriate sanction for Respondent's misconduct is a public censure;

And the Court having determined to accept the tendered discipline by consent, including the recommendation of a public censure as the appropriate disciplinary sanction;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that **Guy W. Killen**, a Judge of the Municipal Court, is hereby publicly censured; and it is further

ORDERED that the stipulation of discipline by consent, Respondent's affidavit of consent, and supporting documentation in the certified record submitted to the Court are hereby incorporated by reference into this Order, in accordance with Rule 2:15-15A (b) (4).

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 3rd day of May, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J. Baker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed title.

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT