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IN THE MATTER OF	)	SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
	)	ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
LAWSON R. MC ELROY ,	)	JUDICIAL CONDUCT
JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT	)	
	)	DOCKET NO.: ACJC 2002-219
	)	
	)	<b>ANSWER</b>

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Respondent, Municipal Court Judge, Lawson R. McElroy, by way of Answer to the Formal Complaint, says:

1. The allegations contained in this paragraph are admitted.
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7. The allegations contained in this paragraph are admitted.
8. The allegations contained in this paragraph are admitted.
9. The allegations contained in this paragraph are denied. At no time did Respondent indicate to Ms. Adams that the attorney business card be presented to the Municipal Prosecutor. Respondent admits that providing his card to Ms. Adams in connection with her municipal court proceeding was a severe error in judgment.

10. The allegations contained in this paragraph are denied. Respondent intended the note on the back of the attorney business card solely for the purposes of informing Ms. Adams of the procedure by which to engage the Prosecutor to discuss her matter.
11. Respondent is without sufficient information or information to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.
12. Respondent is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of this allegation.
13. The allegations contained in this paragraph are denied. Specifically, Respondent denies that he engaged in the practice of law as prohibited by R. 1:15-1(b) by informing Ms. Adams of what she should say to the Prosecutor. Respondent also denies that he presented Ms. Adams with a note that he intended to be given to the Prosecutor and that such note itself in any way violates R. 1:15-1(b). Respondent intended only to inform Ms. Adams of the procedure by which to engage the Prosecutor to discuss her matter.
14. The allegations contained in this paragraph are denied. Specifically, Respondent denies that he presented Ms. Adams with a note that he intended to be given to the Prosecutor. Respondent also denies that he intended to violate Canon 2B of the Judicial Rules of Conduct and that such allegation calls for a conclusion of law.
15. The allegations contained in this paragraph are denied. Specifically, Respondent denies that he intended to violate Canons 1 and 2A of the Code of Judicial Conduct or R. 2:15-8(a)(6) and such allegation calls for a conclusion of law.

**WHEREFORE**, Respondent, Lawson R. McElroy, Judge of the Municipal Court,  
requests that the charges asserted by the Complainant be dismissed with prejudice.

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Dated: 9-4-03

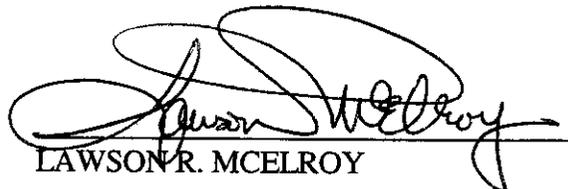
  
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VERIFICATION

Respondent, Lawson R. McElroy, hereby certifies and verifies as follows:

1. I have read the foregoing Answer and the valid, factual allegations contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
2. I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am fully aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Date: 9/4/03

  
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LAWSON R. MCELROY