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SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
JUDICIAL CONDUCT

DOCKET NO.: ACJC2007-112

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IN THE MATTER OF

C. WILLIAM BOWKLEY, JR.,  
JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

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ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT

C. WILLIAM BOWKLEY, JR., by way of answer to the complaint,  
says:

1. Admitted.
2. Admitted.
3. Respondent repeats his responses to the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Answer as if each were set forth fully and at length herein.
4. Admitted, with clarification that date representation of Paula A. (Maxur) Slegers began on the matter of Paula Mazur Slegers v. William DiMuccio, Docket No. FD-19-321-01 was

summer of 2004 and representation on this matter ended January 11, 2005.

5. Admitted, with clarification that date representation of Paula A. (Maxur) Slegers began on the matter of Mazur vs. Pavia, Docket No. L-118-05 was sometime in January 2005 and the complaint was filed on February 18, 2005.
6. Admitted.
7. Admitted.
8. Admitted.
9. Admitted.
10. Admitted that Respondent did not recuse himself from the Municipal Court Matter prior to October 25, 2006 because he was unaware that the defendant in the Municipal Court Matter was the same William DiMuccio who was the adverse party in the Family Court Matter. A charge for failure to connect to the municipal sewer system would only be filed against the owner of the property. Ms. Slegers had previously advised Respondent that Mr. DiMuccio was not a homeowner and lived in an apartment above a store.
11. Admitted.
12. Respondent is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation of what action was taken with respect to Mr. DiMuccio's bail by

Judge Mulhern of the Stillwater Municipal Court. Admitted that the emergent bail hearing was heard by Judge Mulhern.

13. Admitted that on October 26, 2006 the Municipal Court Matter was transferred to the Municipal Court of Stillwater based upon a Notice of Appearance in the Municipal Court Matter that was filed on or about October 25, 2006 by Damiano M. Fracasso, Esquire. Said Notice of Appearance, in addition to advising that Mr. Fracasso was representing Mr. DiMuccio, requested that Respondent recuse himself due to the fact that he represented the mother (Ms.Slegers) of Mr. DiMuccio's child. This was the first notice to Respondent that the defendant William DiMuccio in the Municipal Court Matter was the same William DiMuccio who was an adverse party in the Family Court Matter. Mr. DiMuccio did not appear in person in court on October 16, 2006 in the Municipal Court Matter at which time the Respondent might have recognized the defendant or the defendant might have advised the Respondent that he was the adverse party from the Family Court Matter.
14. Admitted.
15. Denied. With respect to conducting Ms. Slegers' arraignment on October 30, 2006, which involved no discretionary activity by the Respondent, the conduct occurred prior to

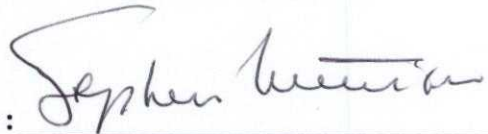
the decision of the New Jersey Supreme Court in the case of In re Newman, 189 N.J. 477 (2006), which was decided on December 4, 2006, and concluded that conducting an arraignment of a defendant where there was a known conflict of interest constituted a violation of judicial canons of ethics. With respect to Mr. DiMuccio, the Respondent, as set forth above supra, in paragraph 13, the Respondent did not realize that there was any reason for him to disqualify himself from presiding over the Municipal Court Matter in which Mr. DiMuccio was a defendant.

16. Denied. The Respondent repeats and realleges his answers to the allegations contained in paragraphs one through fifteen, as if set forth at length herein.
17. Denied. The Respondent repeats and realleges his answers to the allegations contained in paragraphs one through sixteen, as if set forth at length herein.
18. Denied. The Respondent repeats and realleges his answers to the allegations contained in paragraphs one through fifteen, as if set forth at length herein.

WHEREFORE, Respondent, Municipal Court Judge C. William Bowkley, hereby demands judgment in his favor dismissing the Complaint and entering a finding that he did not violate any

Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct, specifically, Canons 1, 2A, 3C(1) nor did he violate Rule 2:15-8(a)(6).

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Dated: July 11, 2007