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IN THE MATTER OF

RAYMOND A. REDDIN,
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT

DOCKET NO. ACJC 2013-093

STIPULATIONS

Tracie H. Gelbstein, Disciplinary Counsel, Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct ("Presenter"), and Superior Court Judge Raymond A. Reddin ("Respondent"), through counsel, Raymond B. Reddin, Esq., hereby enter into the following stipulations:

1. Respondent is a member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, having been admitted to the practice of law in 1978.
2. At all times relevant to this matter, Respondent served as a full-time Judge of the Superior Court, and was assigned to the Criminal Division in the Passaic County vicinage, a position he continues to hold.
3. To date, Respondent has not been the subject of judicial discipline.
4. On February 1, 2011, Anthony T. Ardis ("Ardis"), the former Director of Management Services and Clerk to the Board of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission ("PVSC"), was

- arrested and charged with official misconduct for using his power and influence as senior administrator at PVSC to have subordinates perform personal home improvement projects while on agency time.
5. On June 29, 2011, the State Grand Jury indicted Ardis for official misconduct, conspiracy, and theft by unlawful taking of PVSC property in connection with his conduct while employed at PVSC.
 6. The arrest and indictment of Ardis were publicized in local and regional news releases, some of which included a photograph of Ardis.
 7. The criminal charges against Ardis were pending in the Criminal Division in the Passaic County vicinage where Respondent was assigned as a Superior Court judge.
 8. Respondent and Ardis were close friends having known each other for approximately 50 years.
 9. Respondent and Ardis were associated with a group of men that gathered for Mass every Thursday evening.
 10. Respondent, Ardis and a few other members of the group routinely met for dinner at local restaurants prior to attending Mass.

11. On Thursday, September 13, 2012, Respondent joined Ardis, Judge Gerald Keegan, and a few other men at Francesco's Restaurant for dinner.
12. Meanwhile, on that same evening, a local Republican organization was hosting a dinner upstairs at Francesco's.
13. A restaurant patron attending the event witnessed Ardis socializing with Respondent and two other men.
14. The patron witnessed the men sit down at an outdoor table for dinner that was separate from the upstairs event.
15. On September 18, 2012, the restaurant patron wrote to New Jersey's Lieutenant Governor that "[i]t seems inappropriate for a Superior Court Judge to be meeting with an individual under indictment and awaiting trial in the jurisdiction in which he is a sitting judge."
16. Respondent continued to dine with Ardis and others on Thursday evenings at local restaurants until learning of the patron's complaint from the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct in the Spring of 2013, at which time Respondent voluntarily ceased attending the Thursday night dinners with Ardis.

17. At all times relevant to this matter, Respondent was aware that Ardis was under indictment for criminal offenses pending in Passaic County.



TRACIE H. GELBSTEIN, ESQ.
Presenter

DATED: March 18, 2014



RAYMOND B. REDDIN, ESQ.
Counsel for Respondent

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