In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of: William Paul Greenaway, Respondent.

Supreme Court Case No. 19S-JD-165



Published Order Approving Statement of Circumstances and Conditional Agreement for Discipline

This matter is before us on the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications' ("Commission's") November 4, 2020 "Amended Notice of the Institution of Formal Proceedings and Statement of Charges" against Respondent. After charges were filed, Respondent tendered, jointly with the Commission, a "Statement of Circumstances and Conditional Agreement for Discipline" stipulating to agreed facts and proposed discipline as summarized below.

Stipulated Facts: In March 2019, while serving as a magistrate in Hamilton County, Respondent was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine, resisting arrest, and obstruction of justice, all Level 6 felonies. On September 23, 2020, the trial court entered judgment of conviction on Respondent's guilty plea to possession of methamphetamine and resisting arrest as Class A misdemeanors and sentenced him to one year in jail, all suspended to probation.

Violations: The parties agree that Respondent violated these rules prohibiting the following misconduct:

Ind. Code of Judicial Conduct Rules:

- 1.1: Failing to respect and comply with the law.
- 1.2: Failing to avoid impropriety and act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity, independence, and impartiality of the judiciary.

Ind. Professional Conduct Rule:

8.4(b): Committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on the attorney's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects.

The parties cite as an aggravating factor the adverse impact Respondent's misconduct had on the public's confidence in the integrity of the judiciary and its respect for the Indiana judiciary. In mitigation, Respondent has no prior discipline as a judge or a lawyer, has cooperated with the disciplinary process, and has taken several proactive steps to address factors contributing to his misconduct.

Discipline: The Court, having considered the submission of the parties, now approves the following agreed discipline.

For Respondent's professional misconduct, the Court permanently bans Respondent from judicial service. The Court also suspends Respondent from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year, beginning on January 15, 2021, with the first 90 days served as active suspension and the balance conditionally stayed subject to successful completion of at least two (2) years of probation. If, after 90 days of active suspension, Respondent has fully complied with all the terms of his probation to date, his license shall be automatically reinstated, and he shall continue with the terms of his probation. The Court incorporates by reference the terms and conditions of probation set forth in the parties' Conditional Agreement, which include:

- (1) Respondent must comply with treatment as determined and monitored by the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP);
- (2) Respondent shall commit no violation of the Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct during his probation.

If Respondent successfully complies with all the terms of his probation, he may move to terminate his probation at the end of the two-year term pursuant to the requirements of Indiana Admission and Discipline Rule 23, Section 16.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on $\frac{12/4/2020}{}$

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Loretta H. Rush Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.