

**In the  
Indiana Supreme Court**



IN THE MATTER OF THE ) Supreme Court Cause No.  
HONORABLE LISA M. TRAYLOR- ) 09S00-1302-JD-148  
WOLFF, SENIOR JUDGE )

**PUBLISHED ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court as a result of a judicial disciplinary action brought by the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications (“Commission”) against Respondent herein, Lisa M. Traylor-Wolff, Senior Judge. Article 7, Section 4 of the Indiana Constitution and Indiana Admission and Discipline Rule 25 give the Indiana Supreme Court original jurisdiction over this matter.

On February 25, 2013, the Commission filed a Notice of the Institution of Formal Proceedings and Statement of Charges (hereinafter “Complaint”). Contemporaneous with the filing of the Complaint, the parties jointly tendered a “Statement of Circumstances and Conditional Agreement for Discipline” (hereinafter “Settlement Agreement”) in which the parties stipulated that Respondent engaged in an improper romantic relationship with a client, S.W., while serving as S.W.’s public defender, in violation of Rule 1.7(a)(2) of the Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct. Further, the parties stipulated that because Respondent was certified to serve in other matters as a senior judge when her improper relationship with S.W. occurred, she also violated Rules 1.2 and 3.1(C) of the Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct. The Court agrees with the parties’ stipulations in these regards.

The parties jointly submit the following proposed resolution to this matter.

First, the parties agree that Respondent should be permanently banned from judicial service.

Second, the parties agree that Respondent should be suspended from the practice of law for one year, with all but 45 days of the one-year suspension conditionally stayed subject to Respondent’s successful completion of two years of probation. During the probation period, Respondent: (a) must comply with treatment as determined and monitored by the Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (hereinafter “JLAP”); (b) cannot initiate any contact with S.W. and must immediately notify her attorney or JLAP of any attempts by S.W. to contact her; (c) must not commit any violation of the Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct based upon probable or reasonable cause; and (d) must pay the costs of this judicial disciplinary proceeding. After the 45 days of actual suspension, Respondent’s law license shall be automatically reinstated if she has, to that point, fully complied with the terms of her probation. She shall, however, continue with the terms of her probation throughout its two-year duration. Should her probation be revoked for violation of its terms, then Respondent may be suspended from the

practice of law for the remainder of the one-year suspension, and any subsequent reinstatement will be subject to the procedures and standards for reinstatement found in Admission and Discipline Rule 23, sections 4 and 18.

The Court, having reviewed the parties' Settlement Agreement, accepts its terms. It is, therefore, ordered that Respondent is henceforth PERMANENTLY BANNED from judicial service. Further, it is ordered that, effective immediately, Respondent is SUSPENDED from the practice of law pursuant to the terms and conditions expressed above. Finally, Count 1 of the Commission's Complaint is DISMISSED.

This terminates the disciplinary proceedings relating to the circumstances giving rise to this cause. The costs of this proceeding are assessed against Respondent.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to provide notice of this order in accordance with Admission and Discipline Rule 23(3)(d) and to provide the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, the Clerk of each of the United States District Courts in this state, and the Clerk of each of the United States Bankruptcy Courts in this state with the last known address of the Respondent as reflected in the records of the Clerk. The Court further directs the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to LexisNexis and to Thomson/Reuters for publication on-line and in the bound volumes of this Court's decisions.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 9, 2013.

/s/ Brent E. Dickson  
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.