

BEFORE THE
INDIANA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF)
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THE INVESTIGATION OF)
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THE HONORABLE)
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JEFFREY T. SHOULDERS) QC12-17-014
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)
MAGISTRATE OF THE)
VANDERBURGH SUPERIOR COURT)

**STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FOR
RESOLUTION OF INVESTIGATION**

The following is hereby stipulated and agreed to between the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications ("Commission") and the Honorable Jeffrey T. Shoulders.

1. Jeffrey T. Shoulders was appointed Magistrate of the Vanderburgh Superior Court on November 26, 2012. His appointment was not set to expire; however, he submitted his resignation as magistrate, to be effective May 30, 2018.
2. Magistrate Shoulders was apprised by the Commission by letter dated January 17, 2018 that it was investigating allegations of misconduct involving inappropriate relationships with court employees and attorneys during court hours and on court property in violation of Rule 1.1 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, which requires judicial officers to comply with the law; Rule 1.2 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, which requires judicial officers to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary; and Rule 3.1 (c) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, which requires judicial officers to

maintain their extrajudicial activities in a manner that would not cause a reasonable person to question the judicial officer's independence, integrity, or impartiality.

3. In addition to submitting his resignation as magistrate of the Vanderburgh Superior Court, Jeffrey T. Shoulders affirms that he will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future and will not perform judicial duties in the future, including as a judge *pro tempore*, private judge, or temporary judge.
4. At the time of this agreement, the Commission had not completed its investigation. In exchange for Jeffrey T. Shoulder's affirmation that he will not seek nor accept judicial office in the future, the Commission agrees to conclude its investigation of the matter without further proceedings.
5. Magistrate Shoulders understands that should he hold any judicial position at any time, the Commission's investigation against him will be revived and the matter will proceed.
6. Magistrate Shoulders waives confidentiality as provided by Admission and Discipline Rule 25VIII(B)(l)(b) to the extent that this Stipulation and Agreement for Resolution of Investigation will be made public as a part of a press release and as an attachment to that press release upon being signed by the signatories below.

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