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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEVADA

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ELIZABETH A. BROWN
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In the Matter of)
)
THE HONORABLE ERIKA BALLOU,)
District Court Judge, Eighth Judicial District)
Court, Clark County, State of Nevada,)
)
Respondent.)


CASE NO. 92601

**CERTIFIED COPY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT
TO IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION AND PERMANENT BAR FROM JUDICIAL OFFICE**

Pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 29.3, I hereby certify that the document attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT TO IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION AND PERMANENT BAR FROM JUDICIAL OFFICE filed with the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline on May 5, 2026.

DATED this 6th day of May, 2026.

NEVADA COMMISSION
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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2 I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline and that on the
3 6th day of May, 2026, I served a copy of the CERTIFIED COPY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER OF
4 CONSENT TO IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION AND PERMANENT BAR FROM JUDICIAL OFFICE by email
5 and U.S. Mail, addressed to the following:

6 HON. ERIKA BALLOU, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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8 Respondent

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By: 
Valerie Carter, Commission Clerk

1 The way that you're looking and grinning. The way that at every break in the trial,
2 you were screaming so loud at your defense attorneys. The way that you were
3 grinning and making faces at [H.E.] when she was testifying. I have never ever
4 wanted anyone to die in prison, until you. I can't even express how disgusting you
5 are to me and I hope that little girl is able to get some peace knowing that you will
6 never walk the face of this Earth as a free human again.

7 B. On appeal by Jones, the Supreme Court reviewed Respondent's statements
8 at the sentencing hearing and concluded that:

9 The comments by the judge here go beyond any threshold set by our earlier cases.
10 These comments were not brief departures from strict impartiality but were rather
11 a revelation of the judge's private opinion of Jones himself. The judge's comments
12 here plainly showed she went beyond mere offense at the acts and indicated
13 personal animosity toward Jones based on her own prior experience. Thus, the
14 judge here improperly put herself in the shoes of both the victim and counsel.
15 Finally, the judge alluded to observations outside the legal record, implicating
16 impalpable and highly suspect evidence. The judge's bias and partiality can
17 certainly be questioned considering her extreme statements. The district court
18 judge's comments show a deep-seated antagonism toward Jones that made fair
19 judgment impossible.

20 Nevada Supreme Court No. 86928 (September 26, 2024).

21 C. Respondent was also the presiding Judge in State v. Cross (#C-25-388445-
22 1). During a March 17, 2025 hearing on a Motion to Quash an arrest warrant, the defense attorney
23 for Cross raised a question as to what constituted a "tether break" while Cross was being monitored
24 by the Pretrial Compliance Unit ("PCU"). The defense attorney stated that it was difficult to
25 understand what constituted a tether break without someone from the PCU being present at the
26 hearing. Respondent replied, in an impolite tone, that if the defense attorney wanted someone to
27 explain what constituted a "tether break," the attorney should have subpoenaed someone from the
28 PCU to address the issue, but failed to do so. Respondent then implied that the attorney had
breached her obligation to subpoena a necessary witness and improperly reprimanded the attorney
by stating, "That's why you're an attorney. That's why you get the big bucks."

D. Shortly after the March 17, 2025 hearing was formally concluded, but while
Respondent was still on the bench, Respondent was speaking to a Deputy District Attorney, and

1 they began discussing the defense attorney’s alleged inappropriate courtroom demeanor. During
2 that conversation, Respondent stated her belief that the defense attorney was “fu*king” her client.
3 Respondent then opined that a sexual relationship with Defendant Cross would explain why the
4 defense attorney had such detailed knowledge of his living situation.

5 2. Respondent admits to all the allegations detailed above in paragraphs 1A through
6 D.

7 3. Respondent agrees to waive her right to present her case and contest the allegations
8 set forth above at a formal hearing pursuant to PRJDC 18. Respondent also agrees that this
9 Stipulation and Order of Consent to Immediate Resignation and Permanent Bar from Judicial
10 Office (“Order”) takes effect immediately pursuant to PRJDC 29. The Commission accepts
11 Respondent’s waiver of said rights and acknowledges and agrees to the immediate effect of this
12 Order.

13 4. Respondent agrees and acknowledges that this Order will be published on the
14 Commission’s website and filed with the Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court.

15 5. Respondent and the Commission hereby stipulate to Respondent’s Consent to
16 Immediate Resignation and Permanent Bar from Judicial Office pursuant to PRJDC 29.
17 Respondent stipulates to the following substantive provisions:

18 A. The evidence available to the Commission would establish, by clear and
19 convincing evidence, that Respondent violated the Code as described above in Paragraph 1.

20 B. Respondent’s actions, as described above in the matters of State v. Jones
21 and State v. Cross, along with Respondent’s record of past judicial misconduct (constituting an
22 aggravating factor for purposes of imposing discipline in this matter) warrant the specific
23 discipline to which Respondent has stipulated.

24 C. Respondent agrees that her acceptance of the terms of this Order shall serve
25 as evidence of her immediate resignation from her position as an Eighth Judicial District Court
26 Judge for the State of Nevada.

27 D. Respondent agrees that, after resigning from her judicial office, she will
28 neither seek nor accept judicial office in the State of Nevada at any time in the future, nor will she
undertake or perform any duty within the definition of “Judge” set forth in NRS 1.428.

E. Respondent agrees that the discipline of immediate resignation and permanent
bar from judicial office in Nevada is justified and authorized by Article 6, Section 21(1) of the

1 Nevada Constitution; NRS 1.428; NRS 1.4653; NRS 1.4677(1)(e); NRS 1.4694; and PRJDC 29.

2 6. In consideration of Respondent entering into this Order, and to save the time and
3 expense of proceeding to a public hearing, the Commission has agreed to not pursue a separate
4 Commission action for Respondent practicing law while serving as a judge in violation of NRS
5 3.120 and Code Rule 3.10.

6 7. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, by accepting the terms of this Order,
7 she knowingly and voluntarily waives her right to appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court pursuant
8 to Rule 3D of the Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure. Respondent further waives any and all
9 other forms of extraordinary relief for purposes of challenging this Order.

9 **ORDER**

10 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent resign from her position as a District Court
11 Judge for the State of Nevada, effective immediately upon issuance of this Order.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent be permanently barred from serving in any
13 judicial office in the future.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Director of the Commission take the
15 necessary steps to file this document in the appropriate records and on the website of the
16 Commission and with the Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court.

17 DATED: 5/1/26

DATED: May 1, 2026

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19 ERIKA BALLOU, District Court Judge
20 Respondent

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22 THOMAS C. BRADLEY, Esq.
23 Special Counsel for the Nevada
24 Commission on Judicial Discipline

1 **NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**

2 The Commissioners listed below accept the terms of this Stipulation and Order of Consent
3 to Immediate Resignation and Permanent Bar from Judicial Office between the Respondent and
4 the Commission. They further authorize the Chair, if requested, to sign on behalf of the
5 Commission, as a whole, this document containing the Stipulation and Order of Consent to
6 Immediate Resignation and Permanent Bar from Judicial Office.

7 Signed by:

Dated: May 5, 2026

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9 STEFANIE HUMPHREY, CHAIR

10 KARL ARMSTRONG

11 PATRICIA HALSTEAD

12 HON. DAVID HARDY

13 JOHN KRMPOTIC

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