

STATE OF NEW YORK
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In the Matter of the Investigation of Complaints
Pursuant to Section 44, subdivisions 1 and 2,
of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

RENEE N. CROFOOT,

STIPULATION

A Justice of the Barrington Town Court,
Yates County.

THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Robert H. Tembeckjian, Administrator and Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Conduct, and the Honorable Renee N. Crofoot.

1. Renee N. Crofoot has been a Justice of the Barrington Town Court, since 2014. Her current term expires on December 31, 2021. She is not an attorney.
2. Judge Crofoot was apprised by the Commission in September 2018 that it was investigating a complaint that she improperly interjected herself in a pending custody proceeding by criticizing one of the parties in an email to the court, identifying herself as a judge and lending the prestige of judicial office to advance a private interest.
3. Judge Crofoot has tendered her resignation by letter dated October 1, 2018, a copy of which is annexed as Exhibit 1. Judge Crofoot affirms that she vacated judicial office as of October 3, 2018.
4. Pursuant to Section 47 of the Judiciary Law, the Commission has 120 days from a judge's resignation to complete proceedings and, if it so determines, render and file a determination that the judge should be removed from office.

5. Judge Crofoot affirms that, having vacated her judicial office, she will neither seek nor accept judicial office at any time in the future.

6. Judge Crofoot understands that, should she abrogate the terms of this Stipulation and hold any judicial position at any time in the future, the Commission's investigation of the complaint would be revived, she would be served with a Formal Written Complaint on authorization of the Commission, and the matter would proceed to a hearing before a referee.

7. Upon execution of this Stipulation by the signatories below, this Stipulation will be presented to the Commission with the joint recommendation that the matter be concluded, by the terms of this Stipulation, without further proceedings.

8. Judge Crofoot waives confidentiality as provided by Section 45 of the Judiciary Law, to the extent that (1) this Stipulation will become public upon being signed by the signatories below, and (2) the Commission's Decision and Order regarding this Stipulation will become public.

Dated: 10-11-2018


Honorable **Rennee N. Crofoot**

Dated: 10/12/2018

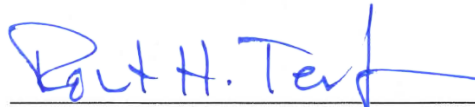

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(**John J. Postel** and **M. Kathleen Martin**, Of Counsel)

EXHIBIT 1

Rennée N. Crofoot
986 Route 54
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October 1st, 2018

Dear Joy Perry,
Barrington Town Clerk

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation from my position as Barrington Town Justice for personal reasons, effective October 3rd, 2018. I cannot thank the Town of Barrington enough for allowing me this opportunity for the last five years. This job has been instrumental in my personal and professional growth. I will assist in any way possible, pending Office of Court Administration's approval, during this transition and your search for a new judge.

Sincerely,


Rennée N. Crofoot