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Mr. John Barton, Mayor
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Mr. Mayor and members of the Village Board:

In the eleven years that I have been privileged to serve as a Judge, I have handled more than twenty-four thousand cases. The Commission on Judicial Conduct has taken issue with the way in which I conducted myself in some of those cases. Although I was not conscious at the time that my actions were improper, upon further review and reflection I believe that I did in fact err in certain respects.

I have regularly asked people who appeared in my Court to accept responsibility for their actions and I hold myself to this same standard. Consequently, I accept full responsibility for my actions. Therefore, I am resigning my position as Hudson Falls Village Justice effective at 5:00 pm on Friday, August 15, 2008.

I apologize for the extremely short notice, but I truly believed that I would be able to reach an acceptable resolution short of resignation. Unfortunately, that was not the case.

My grandfather always told me that if I saw something in my community that I didn't agree with, I should get involved and do something to change it. I have worked to do just that over these past eleven years. I count as one of my proudest accomplishments (along with the tireless help of many talented people) the establishment of the first drug treatment court in the tri-county area.

My goal was to make my community a better place. There are some that will say that I have accomplished my goal by my contributions as a judge and others who will say that I did so by stepping down.

To my family and the many wonderful people who have supported me through the

years, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation. Please accept my sincere apologies for disappointing you.

Sincerely,



Michael M. Feeder