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May 14, 2020

HON. JANET DeFIORE  
Chief Judge  
Court of Appeals  
20 Eagle Street  
Albany, N.Y. 12207-1095

Dear Judge DeFiore;

Reference my letter of April 15, 2020 in which I requested Court of Appeals review of the Determination of the Commission on Judicial Conduct which recommended my removal from the bench. Please be advised, based upon medical issues within my family, as well as other personal and family considerations I am hereby withdrawing my request for review and will resign my current position as County Court Judge and Surrogate effective May 16, 2020. I very much appreciate the opportunity to have served the people of Sullivan County and the Third Judicial District for the past 9.5 years. Overall, I am quite proud of our achievements over that time and deeply regret the issues which brought me before this Court. My strong belief in your Honor's Excellence Initiative yielded among the best statistics within our Judicial District and indeed among the best in New York State. I value the personal relationships I have developed with colleagues on the Bench and wish yourself and the Unified Court System continued success in the future as you confront a very unique time in our history.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter, if you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely;

Michael F. McGuire  
County Court Judge and Surrogate

CC: Hon. Thomas Breslin  
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