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September 22, 2022

Hon. Robert J. Putorti

Re: Matter of Hon. Robert J. Putorti

Dear Hon. Putorti:

Pursuant to New York State Constitution Article VI, § 22, and further pursuant to Judiciary Law § 44 (8), this Court has directed me to give notice that it may consider, on its own motion, your suspension from the exercise of the powers of the office of Justice of the Whitehall Town Court and the Whitehall Village Court, Washington County.

You may present to the Court in writing your reasons or arguments why you should not be suspended and whether any suspension should be with or without pay. You should file your submission by October 12, 2022. "Filed" means received by the Clerk's Office. Subject to the same filing date and receipt of a copy of this letter, the Commission on Judicial Conduct is also authorized to present its views, if any, with respect to suspension. All papers shall be filed with proof of service of one copy of the paper on opposing parties.

IMPORTANT: Your response to this inquiry does not excuse the need to file, separately and timely, the written request required by Judiciary Law § 44 (7), if review of the Commission on Judicial Conduct's determination is sought.

Very truly yours,

Lisa LeCours

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cc: Robert H. Tembeckjian, Esq. Hon. Lawrence Marks Michael Root, Esq.