

**BEFORE THE  
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

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**IN RE: HONORABLE PATRICK RAY JAMES  
HOOKS, BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS  
CJC No. 15-0139-JP**

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**VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO RESIGN FROM  
JUDICIAL OFFICE IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

This Agreement is being entered into by the undersigned parties pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code.

**WHEREAS** at all times relevant hereto, the Honorable Patrick Ray James was Justice of the Peace, Precinct 7, in Hooks, Bowie County, Texas and

**WHEREAS** on September 17, 2014, Judge James was indicted by a federal grand jury in Cause No. 5:14-CR-14-4, in the United States District Court in the Eastern District of Texas, Texarkana Division, of conspiring with others to defraud the Red River Army Depot, a Department of the U.S. Army installation located in Bowie County, and

**WHEREAS** on October 20, 2014, the Commission suspended Judge James without pay following its receipt of notice of said indictment, and

**WHEREAS** no Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law have been entered by the Commission in connection with the above-referenced matter, and

**WHEREAS** the parties agree that the allegations of judicial misconduct as stated in the federal indictment, if found to be true, could result in further disciplinary action against Judge James, and

**WHEREAS** the parties to this Agreement are desirous of resolving this matter without the time and expense of further disciplinary proceedings.

**IT IS THEREFORE AGREED** that pursuant to and as a condition of a binding plea agreement in Cause No. 5:14-CR-14-4 pending before the United States District Court in the Eastern District of Texas, Texarkana Division, Judge James, upon the signing of this Agreement, agrees that he has officially and formally resigned his judicial duties and is entering into this Agreement to resolve the above-referenced complaint in lieu of disciplinary action by the Commission, pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code. The Commission agrees that it shall pursue no further disciplinary proceedings against Judge James in connection with the above-referenced matter.

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that, upon the Commission's approval of this Agreement, Judge James shall be forever disqualified from judicial service in the State of Texas, including (a) sitting or serving as a judge, (b) standing for election or appointment

to a judicial office, and/or (c) performing or exercising any judicial duties or functions of a judicial officer, including the performance of wedding ceremonies.

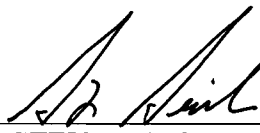
**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that any violation of this Agreement by Judge James would constitute willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of his duties or casts public discredit upon the judiciary or administration of justice in violation of Art. 5, §1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution, and Section 33.001(b) of the Texas Government Code.

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that the Commission may enforce this Agreement through any legal process necessary, including injunctive relief; that Travis County, Texas, shall be the proper venue for any dispute between the parties or proceeding relating to this Agreement; and that Judge James, individually, shall bear the expense, cost, and any reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees in the event any dispute arising under this Agreement is decided against him by any court or tribunal.

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that Judge James, by his execution of this voluntary agreement, does not admit guilt, fault or liability regarding the matters contained in CJC No. 15-0139-JP referenced above.

**AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED** upon its execution by the parties.

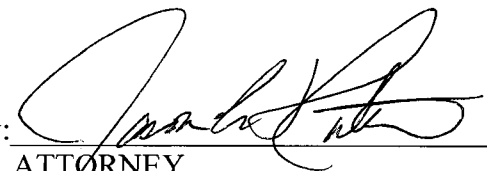
  
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HON. STEVEN L. SEIDER, CHAIR  
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL  
CONDUCT

Date: 3/31/2015

Date: April 8, 2015

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

By:   
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ATTORNEY  
FOR PATRICK RAY JAMES

