

## BEFORE THE STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

IN RE: HONORABLE CLIFFORD BRONSON FORMER ASSOCIATE JUDGE FORT WORTH, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS CJC No. 15-0114-AJ

## 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 Clifford Bronson, former Associate Judge, in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, and

**WHEREAS** a complaint was filed with the Commission alleging that Judge Bronson exhibited an unprofessional judicial demeanor and engaged in biased conduct toward staff of the Texas Attorney General's Office, and engaged in improper *ex parte* meetings with litigants while their cases remained pending before his court; and

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

WHEREAS the parties agree that the allegations of judicial misconduct, if found to be true, could result in further disciplinary action against Judge Bronson, and

WHEREAS the parties to this Agreement are desirous of resolving these matters without the time and expense of further disciplinary proceedings, and

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that Judge Bronson, by executing this Agreement, resigns from all judicial offices held by him, 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 Bronson in connection with the above-referenced matter.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that, upon the Commission's approval of this Agreement, Judge Bronson 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 Bronson 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 Bronson, 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 Bronson, by his execution of this voluntary agreement, does not admit guilt, fault or liability regarding the matters contained in the complaints referenced above.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED upon its execution by the parties.

CLIFFORD BRONSON

HON. STEVEN L. SEIDER, CHAIR

STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL

CONDUCT

Date:

Date: 18 7ebury 2015

## VERIFICATION

State of Texas §
County of Tarrant §

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**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **CLIFFORD BRONSON**, who by me being first duly sworn, on his oath deposed and said that the above "Voluntary Agreement to Resign from Judicial Office in Lieu of Disciplinary Action" is a true and correct recitation of the facts and accurately reflects his understanding of the terms and conditions of, and voluntary consent to enter into, such Agreement.

**SWORN TO BEFORE M**E, on this the <u>13</u> day of January, 2015.

NOTARY PUBLIC, IN STATE OF TEXAS

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