



**BEFORE THE  
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

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**IN RE: HONORABLE WILFRED KRAUSE  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2  
INDUSTRY, AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS**

**CJC No. 24-0298**

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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 relevant times, the Honorable Wilfred Krause ("Judge Krause") was a Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, in Industry, Austin County, Texas; and

**WHEREAS** on or about December 18, 2023, the Commission received a complaint from a Confidential Complainant concerning Judge Krause's non-performance of his judicial duties; and

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

**WHEREAS** no prior disciplinary action has been taken against Judge Krause, who has not responded to any inquiries by the Commission regarding this complaint, and

**WHEREAS** the parties agree that the allegations of judicial misconduct, if found to be true, could result in disciplinary action against Judge Krause; 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 Judge Krause, upon the signing of this Agreement, officially and formally resigns any and all judicial duties effective immediately 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 Krause in connection with the above-referenced matter.

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that Judge Krause, by his execution of this voluntary agreement, does not admit guilt, fault, or liability regarding the matters contained in the complaints referenced above.

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that, upon the Commission's approval of this Agreement, Judge Krause 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 but not limited to the performance of wedding ceremonies.


**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that any violation of this Agreement by Judge Krause 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. V, Sec. 1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution, and Section 33.001(b) of the Texas Government Code.

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that this Agreement shall be made public as a voluntary agreement to resign from judicial office, pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code, and 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 Krause, 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 his by any court or tribunal.

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

SIGNED BY:

  
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HON. WILFRED KRAUSE

  
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HON. GARY L. STEEL, CHAIR  
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL  
CONDUCT

Date: May 13, 2024

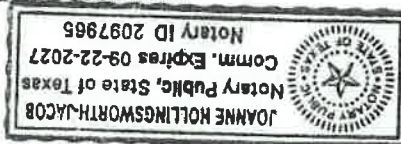
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VERIFICATION

State of Texas

County of *Washington*

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**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **WILFRED KRAUSE**, 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 ME**, on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

*Joanne Hollingsworth-Jacob*  
NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR THE STATE OF  
TEXAS