



**BEFORE THE  
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

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**IN RE: HONORABLE GLADYS T. BRANSFORD  
FORMER MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE  
HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS  
CJC No. 13-0260-MU**

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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 Gladys T. Bransford was an associate Judge of the Municipal Court of Houston, Harris County, Texas, and

**WHEREAS** on or about November 5, 2012, a complaint was filed with the Commission alleging that Judge Bransford had been arrested and was charged with failure to stop and render aid, as well as tampering with evidence; and

**WHEREAS** on April 9, 2013, the Commission notified Judge Bransford that a complaint had been filed against her; and

**WHEREAS** Judge Bransford advised the Commission that her term of office expired on or about February 2, 2013, and that she did not seek reappointment and is no longer on the bench; and

**WHEREAS** no Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law have been made by the Commission 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 disciplinary action against Judge Bransford, 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 Bransford, upon the signing of this Agreement, agrees that she has officially and formally resigned her judicial office 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 Bransford in connection with the above-referenced matter.

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that, upon the effective date of this Agreement, Judge Bransford shall be disqualified in the future from: sitting or serving as a judge in

the State of Texas; standing for election or appointment to judicial office in the State of Texas; or performing or exercising any judicial duties or functions of a judicial officer in the State of Texas, including the performance of wedding ceremonies.

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED** that any violation of this Agreement by Judge Bransford would constitute willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of her 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 Bransford, 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 her by any court or tribunal.

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

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

  
GLADYS T. BRANSFORD

  
TOM CUNNINGHAM, CHAIR  
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL  
CONDUCT

Date: 5/20/13

Date: 6/14/13

**VERIFICATION**

State of Texas §  
County of Harris §

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **GLADYS T. BRANSFORD**, who by me being first duly sworn, on her 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 her understanding of the terms and conditions of, and voluntary consent to enter into, such Agreement.

**SWORN TO BEFORE ME**, on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.



Michelle Story  
NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR THE  
STATE OF TEXAS