

BEFORE THE STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

IN RE: HONORABLE RONALD W. WHITE, SR.

MUNICIPAL COURT

LITTLE RIVER ACADEMY, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS

CJC No. 16-0165-MU

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 Ronald W. White, Sr., was the judge of the Little River Academy Municipal Court, Bell County, Texas; and

WHEREAS a complaint was filed by Frankie L. Poole against Judge White alleging the judge improperly engaged in dual-office holding for simultaneously holding both the office of Mayor and Municipal Court Judge of Little River Academy; dismissed citations without a motion from the State; changed charged offenses to warnings; negotiated case dispositions directly with defendants without a prosecutor present and without requesting or obtaining a plea; and various demeanor issues; 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 or disability, if found to be true, could result in further disciplinary action against Judge White; and

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

Agreement, agrees that he has officially and formally resigned from the office of Little River Academy Municipal Court Judge 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 White in connection with the above-referenced matter.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that, upon the Commission's approval of this Agreement, Judge White 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 White 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 White, 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 White, by his 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.

SIGNED BY:	
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HON, Ronald W. White, Sr.	HON. VALERIE E. ERTZ, CHAIR STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
	CONDUCT
Date: 6-7-16	Date:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

y:______ATTORNEY FOR JUDGE RONALD W. WHITE, SR.

VERIFICATION

State of Texas County of Bell 8 8

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Ronald W. White, Sr.**, 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 1121 day of May, 2016.

NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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VERNA L. TOMASTIK Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires May 24, 2018