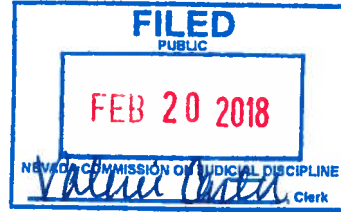


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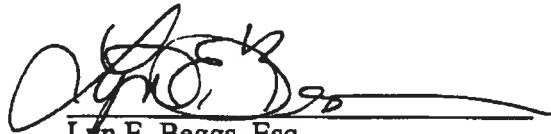


9 **BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**

10 In the Matter of )  
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12 THE HONORABLE JAY T. GUNTER )  
13 Hawthorne Township Justice Court, ) CASE NO. 2017-053-P  
14 County of Mineral, State of Nevada, )  
15 )  
16 Respondent. )  
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18 **VERIFIED RESPONSE AND ANSWER**

19 COMES NOW, JAY T. GUNTER Justice of the Peace for Hawthorne Township, the  
20 Respondent in the above entitled matter, and by and through his counsel, Lyn E. Beggs, Esq.  
21 files the instant Verified Response and Answer setting forth his answers, affirmative defenses  
22 and mitigating factors in response to the Formal Statement of Charges filed against him on or  
23 about January 24, 2018.

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CHARGES OF MISCONDUCT

Respondent hereby denies that he has violated Canons 1 and 2 of the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct ("Code") as alleged in the Formal Statement of Charges. Specifically Respondent generally denies that he violated Rules 1.1, 2.5(A), and 2.12 (A) as further set forth below.

Count One

Respondent denies that he violated Judicial Canon 1, Rule 1.1, compliance with the law, including the Code as alleged in Count One of the Formal Statement of Charges. Respondent further denies that he violated Judicial Canon 2, Rule 2.5(A), performance of administrative duties competently and diligently; and Rule 2.12(A), failing to properly discharge supervisory duties, as alleged in Count One of the Formal Statement of Charges.

Count Two

Respondent denies that he violated Judicial Canon 1, Rule 1.1, compliance with the law, including the Code and Judicial Canon 2, Rule 2.5(A), performance of administrative duties competently and diligently, as set forth in Count Two of the Formal Statement of Charges.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Respondent asserts that Count One of the Formal Statement of Charges fails to specifically identify how his conduct violated each of the cited Canons as alleged.

Respondent asserts that Count Two of the Formal Statement of Charges fails to specifically identify how his conduct violated each of the cited Canons as alleged.

MITIGATING FACTORS

Respondent hereby asserts that there are mitigating factors that are applicable and should be considered in his answering to the allegations contained in the Formal Statement of Charges including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Respondent has no record of any prior discipline;
2. Respondent has fully cooperated with the Commission on Judicial Discipline;
3. The character and reputation of Respondent;
4. Respondent has proactively engaged in efforts to address those concerns noted by the Commission on Judicial Discipline;
5. Any and all other mitigating factors that Respondent may raise during these proceedings.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.



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**VERIFICATION**

I, JAY T. GUNTER, under the penalty of perjury, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That I am the Respondent in the above-entitled matter, that I have read the Answers to Interrogatories above and know their contents; that the same is true of my own knowledge, except for those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Dated this 20 day of Feb, 2018.

Jay T. Gunter  
Jay T. Gunter

State of Nevada

} ss. }

County of Mineral



Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, by Jay T. Gunter.

Janice J. J. J.


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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby certify that that on this date I caused to be served via electronic mail and first  
3 class mail, a copy of the foregoing VERIFIED RESPONSE AND ANSWER with postage  
4 fully prepared thereon, by depositing the same with the U.S. Postal Service to the following:

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10 DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

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