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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE  
STATE OF NEVADA**

In the Matter of )  
ADAM VANDER HEYDEN, Pro Tem Judge, )  
Las Vegas Justice Court, Clark County, )  
State of Nevada, )  
Respondent. )


CASE NO. 85781

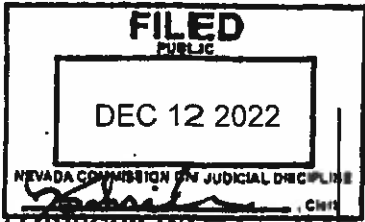
**CERTIFIED COPY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER OF  
CONSENT TO PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

Pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 29, I hereby certify that the document attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT TO PUBLIC REPRIMAND filed with the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline on December 12, 2022.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

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**BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HONORABLE,  
ADAM VANDER HEYDEN, Pro Tem Judge,  
Las Vegas Justice Court, Clark County,  
State of Nevada,**  
  
**Respondent.**

Case No.: 2021-143

**STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT TO PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

In order to resolve the judicial conduct complaint pending before the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline (the "Commission"), the Respondent, Honorable Adam Vander Heyden, Pro Tem Judge, Las Vegas Justice Court, Clark County, State of Nevada ("Respondent" or "Judge Vander Heyden"), and the Commission stipulate to the following pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule ("CPR") 29:

1. Respondent admits that he violated Canon 1 of the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct ("Code"), Rule 1.1, requiring Respondent to comply with the law, including the Code, Rule 1.2, requiring Respondent to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, and Rule 1.3, requiring the Respondent not to abuse the prestige of judicial office to advance the personal or economic interests of the judge or others, or allow others to do so; and Canon 2 of the Code, Rule 2.8(A), requiring Respondent to ensure order and decorum in proceedings before the court and Rule 2.10(A), requiring Respondent not to make any public statement that might reasonably be expected to affect the outcome or impair the fairness of a matter pending or impending in any court, or make any nonpublic statement that might substantially interfere with a fair trial or hearing, in his capacity as a Pro Tem Judge in and for the Las Vegas Justice Court ("LVJC"), in Clark County, State of Nevada, by knowingly or unknowingly

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1 engaging in an act, a combination of acts, or all of the following acts, which occurred during the  
2 circumstances stated below:

3           A.     During the period spanning April through June, 2021, Respondent caused  
4 to be created and published through Golden Medina Services "Instagram" and "Tik Tok" videos  
5 depicting Respondent on the bench presiding over actual judicial proceedings, without the consent  
6 of the litigants or court personnel, wearing a judicial robe and commenting on the proceedings as  
7 the "DUI Doctor", which was used as advertising for Respondent's private law practice.

8           B.     The aforementioned videos were edited and contained sound effects,  
9 laughing emojis, music, voiceovers and post-proceeding commentary, along with references to the  
10 name of Respondent's private law firm and his law firm's internet address accompanied by  
11 captions that read, "Need legal help? I'm a defense attorney in the State of Nevada", all of which  
12 were disseminated to the public.

13           2.     Respondent admits to all the allegations in paragraphs (1)(A) and (B) as set forth  
14 above.

15           3.     Respondent agrees to waive his right to present his case and contest the allegations  
16 in the information set forth above in a formal hearing pursuant to CPR 18. Respondent also agrees  
17 that this Stipulation and Order of Consent to Public Reprimand ("Order") takes effect immediately,  
18 pursuant to CPR 29. The Commission accepts Respondent's waiver of said right and acknowledges  
19 and agrees to the immediate effect of this Order. Respondent further agrees to appear before the  
20 Commission in a public proceeding, if required by the Commission, to discuss this Order in more  
21 detail and to answer any questions from the Commissioners related to this case.

22           4.     Respondent agrees and acknowledges that this Order will be published on the  
23 Commission's website and filed with the Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court.

24           5.     Respondent and the Commission hereby stipulate to Respondent's consent to a  
25 public reprimand pursuant to CPR 29. Respondent stipulates to the following substantive  
26 provisions:

27           A.     He agrees the evidence available to the Commission would establish by  
28 clear and convincing proof that he violated the Code, including Canon 1, Rules 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3

1 and Canon 2, Rules 2.8(A) and 2.10(A).

2 B. He further agrees that his actions, as described above, constitute aggravating  
3 factors for purposes of imposition of discipline in this matter, and merit the specific discipline  
4 stipulated to herein.

5 C. He further agrees not to serve as a Pro Tem Judge in the future.

6 D. He agrees the discipline of public reprimand is justified and authorized by  
7 Article 6, Section 21(1) of the Nevada Constitution; NRS 1.428; NRS 1.4653; NRS 1.4677(1)(a);  
8 NRS 1.4694; CPR 29; and Code Application Sections I and IV.

9 E. He stipulates to a public reprimand for violations of the Judicial Canons  
10 and Rules as set forth above in paragraph (1).

11 6. Respondent understands and agrees that, by accepting the terms of this Order, he  
12 waives his right to appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 3D of the Nevada Rules  
13 of Appellate Procedure. Respondent also waives all other forms of extraordinary relief for  
14 purposes of challenging this Order.

15 **ORDER**

16 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent is hereby publicly reprimanded for violating  
17 the Code, Canon 1, Rules 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 and Canon 2, Rules 2.8(A) and 2.10(A).


18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall not serve as a Pro Tem Judge in the  
19 future.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Director of the Commission take the  
21 necessary steps to file this document in the appropriate records and on the website of the  
22 Commission and with the Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court.

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24 DATED: 12-5-22

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27 ADAM VANDER HEYDEN, Pro Tem Judge  
28 Respondent

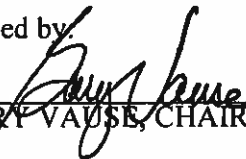
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**NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**

The Commissioners listed below accept the terms of this Stipulation and Order of Consent to Public Reprimand between the Respondent and the Commission. They further authorize the Chairman, if requested, to sign on behalf of the Commission, as a whole, this document containing the Stipulation and Order of Consent to Public Reprimand.

Signed by   
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GARY VAUSE, CHAIRMAN  
STEFANIE HUMPHREY, VICE-CHAIR  
KARL ARMSTRONG  
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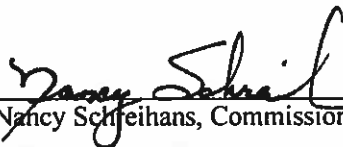
Dated:  
December 12, 2022

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline and that on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, I served a copy of the CERTIFIED COPY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT TO PUBLIC REPRIMAND by email and U.S. Mail, addressed to the following:

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