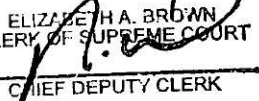


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In the Matter of)

THE HONORABLE NANCY SAITTA,
Senior Judge, Second Judicial District Court,
Washoe County, State of Nevada,)

Respondent.)


CASE NO. 87789

**CERTIFIED COPY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT TO PUBLIC
REPRIMAND AND AGREEMENT TO NOT APPLY FOR OR ACCEPT
ANY APPOINTMENT AS SENIOR JUDGE**

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 AND AGREEMENT TO NOT APPLY FOR OR ACCEPT ANY APPOINTMENT AS SENIOR JUDGE filed with the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline on December 20, 2023.

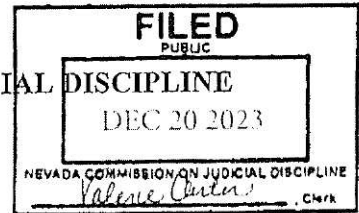
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1 BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE



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3 IN THE MATTER OF THE HONORABLE
4 NANCY SAITTA, Senior Judge,
5 Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County,
6 State of Nevada,

Case No.: 2023-035-P

7 Respondent.

8 **STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT TO PUBLIC REPRIMAND AND**
9 **AGREEMENT TO NOT APPLY FOR OR ACCEPT**
10 **ANY APPOINTMENT AS SENIOR JUDGE**

11 In order to resolve the judicial conduct complaint pending before the Nevada Commission
12 on Judicial Discipline (the "Commission"), the Respondent, Honorable Nancy Saitta, Senior
13 Judge, Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County, State of Nevada ("Respondent" or "Justice
14 Saitta"), and the Commission stipulate to the following pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule
15 ("CPR") 29:

16 1. Respondent admits that she violated Canon 1 of the Revised Nevada Code of
17 Judicial Conduct ("Code"), Rule 1.1, requiring the Respondent to comply with the law, including
18 the Code itself; and Canon 2 of the Code, Rule 2.5(A), requiring Respondent to perform judicial
19 and administrative duties competently and diligently, or any of these rules, in her capacity as a
20 Senior Judge in and for the Second Judicial District Court ("SJDC"), in Washoe County, State of
21 Nevada, by knowingly or unknowingly engaging in an act, a combination of acts, or all of the
22 following acts, which occurred during the circumstances stated below:

23 A. *Albert Thomas v. MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC*, SJDC Case No. CV12-02222,
24 a breach of contract case (hereinafter, the "Case"), before the SJDC was initiated in or
25 around 2012.

26 B. On January 21, 2021, then-Chief District Court Judge Scott Freeman
27 entered an Order Disqualifying All Judicial Officers of the Second Judicial District Court
28 in the Case (the "Disqualification Order").

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1 C. On February 24, 2021, Respondent was assigned to the Case as a Senior
2 Judge. At the time of her assignment, there were six (6) matters pending that the prior
3 judge had not resolved.

4 D. During the period spanning February 24, 2021, through September 19, 2022
5 (approximately 19 months), forty-two (42) Requests for Submission were submitted by the
6 parties' counsel while Respondent was assigned to the Case. Respondent presided over
7 various hearings and status conferences regarding numerous pending motions but did not
8 timely resolve and issue orders on those outstanding matters.

9 E. During the time frame identified above, Respondent (i) did not request
10 proposed orders from counsel; (ii) requested and received lists of pending emergent
11 motions from the parties' counsel; and (iii) received from the SJDC Administrator and
12 Clerk of the Court a matrix showing all matters in the case that were awaiting adjudication
13 by Respondent as well as monthly lists of pending submissions over sixty (60) days.

14 F. Respondent notes the following mitigating factors:

15 (i) The matter was a complex and distressed action when Respondent
16 was assigned the Case.

17 (ii) Upon Respondent's assignment to the Case, there were six (6)
18 outstanding matters -- some of which involved the parties seeking reconsideration
19 of previous decisions that had been made by the prior judge.

20 (iii) Respondent was attempting to resolve the Case by holding a hearing
21 on punitive damages which, in Respondent's opinion, would have made the
22 majority of the outstanding matters moot.

23 (iv) All Senior Judges appointed by the Administrative Office of the
24 Courts and assigned to a case upon the issuance of a disqualification order similar
25 to the Disqualification Order issued by the SJDC in this Case lack access to court
26 resources, including judicial executive assistants and law clerks.

27 2. Respondent admits to all the allegations and mitigating factors in paragraphs (1)(A)
28 through (F) as set forth above.

1 3. Respondent agrees to waive her right to present her case and contest the allegations
2 in the information set forth above in a formal hearing pursuant to CPR 18. Respondent also agrees
3 that this Stipulation and Order of Consent to Public Reprimand and Agreement to Not Apply For
4 Or Accept Any Appointment As Senior Judge ("Order") takes effect immediately, pursuant to
5 CPR 29. The Commission accepts Respondent's waiver of said right and acknowledges and agrees
6 to the immediate effect of this Order. Respondent further agrees to appear before the Commission
7 in a public proceeding, if required by the Commission, to discuss this Order in more detail and to
8 answer any questions from the Commissioners related to this case.

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

11 5. Respondent and the Commission hereby stipulate to Respondent's consent to a
12 public reprimand and agreement to not apply for or accept any appointment as a Senior Judge in
13 the State of Nevada pursuant to CPR 29. Notwithstanding the mitigating factors (as noted above),
14 Respondent nevertheless stipulates to the following substantive provisions:

15 A. She agrees the evidence available to the Commission would establish by
16 clear and convincing proof that she violated the Code, including Canon 1, Rule 1.1 and
17 Canon 2, Rule 2.5(A).

18 B. She further agrees that her actions as described above in the matter of
19 *Thomas v. MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC*, SJDC Case No. CV12-02222, and in the prior
20 Stipulation and Order of Consent to Public Reprimand filed on August 1, 2022, in
21 Commission Case No. 2020-081-P, constitute aggravating factors for purposes of
22 imposition of discipline in this matter, and merit the specific discipline stipulated to herein
23 pursuant to NRS 1.467(4).

24 C. She agrees the discipline of public reprimand and agreement to not apply
25 for or accept any appointment as a Senior Judge in the State of Nevada is justified and
26 authorized by Article 6, Section 21(1) of the Nevada Constitution; NRS 1.428; NRS
27 1.4653; NRS 1.4677(1)(a); NRS 1.4694; CPR 29; and Code Application Sections I, II and
28 III.

1 D. She stipulates to a public reprimand for violations of the Judicial Canons
2 and Rules as set forth above in paragraph (1).

3 E. In light of her voluntary relinquishment of her Senior Judge commission,
4 Respondent further stipulates to not apply for or accept any appointment as a Senior Judge
5 in the State of Nevada.

6 6. Respondent understands and agrees that, by accepting the terms of this Order, she
7 waives her right to appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 3D of the Nevada Rules
8 of Appellate Procedure. Respondent also waives all other forms of extraordinary relief for
9 purposes of challenging this Order.

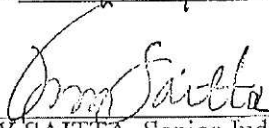
10 **ORDER**

11 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent is hereby publicly reprimanded for violating
12 the Code, Canon 1, Rule 1.1 and Canon 2, Rule 2.5(A).

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall not apply for or accept any
14 appointment as a Senior Judge in the State of Nevada.


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

18 DATED: 12/18/23

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21 NANCY SAITTA, Senior Judge

22 Respondent

DATED: 12/18/2023

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24 THOMAS J. DONALDSON, Esq.

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26 Commission on Judicial Discipline
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline and that on the 20th day of December, 2023, I served a copy of the STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT TO PUBLIC REPRIMAND AND AGREEMENT TO NOT APPLY FOR OR ACCEPT ANY APPOINTMENT AS SENIOR JUDGE by email and U.S. Mail, addressed to the following:

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