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THE HONORABLE JAMES DAVIS, )  
Hearing Master, Eighth Judicial District Court, )  
Clark County, State of Nevada, )  
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Respondent. )

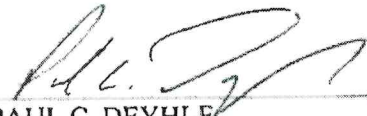
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**CERTIFIED COPY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER OF  
CONSENT TO PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT**

Pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 29.3, I hereby certify that the document attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT TO PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT filed with the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline on February 4, 2025.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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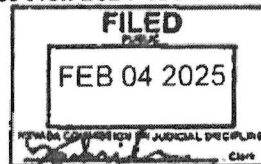
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**BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONORABLE  
JAMES DAVIS, Hearing Master, Eighth Judicial  
District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada,

Case No.: 2024-031-P



Respondent.

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

In order to resolve the judicial conduct complaint pending before the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline (the "Commission"), the Respondent, Honorable James Davis, Hearing Master, Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada ("Respondent" or "Hearing Master Davis"), and the Commission stipulate to the following pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule ("PRJDC") 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 itself; Canon 1 of the Code, Rule 1.2, requiring the Respondent to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary and to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety; and Canon 2 of the Code, Rule 2.9(C), requiring Respondent not to investigate facts in a matter independently and to consider only the evidence presented and any facts that may properly be judicially noticed, in his capacity as a Hearing Master in and for the Eighth Judicial District Court ("EJDC"), in Clark County, State of Nevada, by knowingly or unknowingly engaging in an act, a combination of acts, or all of the following acts, which occurred during the circumstances stated below:

A. On or about September 11, 2023, in a child support matter, *May Saetern v. Dejuan Blake* (EJDC Case No. R-18-205897-R), Respondent held an evidentiary hearing on the father's motion to modify child support. The parties provided Respondent with documents containing conflicting information concerning the father's purported annual income. Respondent (1) independently researched facts online about the father, (2) imputed to the father a significantly higher monthly income based on Respondent's research, and (3) issued a child support order

1 against the father based on Respondent's research and evidence not properly before the Court.

2 B. The EJDC verbally admonished Respondent for his actions and required  
3 him to complete ethics training.

4 2. Respondent admits to all the allegations in paragraphs (1)(A) through (B) as set  
5 forth above.

6 3. Respondent agrees to waive his right to present his case and contest the allegations  
7 in the information set forth above in a formal hearing pursuant to PRJDC 18. Respondent also  
8 agrees that this Stipulation and Order of Consent to Public Admonishment ("Order") takes effect  
9 immediately, pursuant to PRJDC 29. The Commission accepts Respondent's waiver of said right  
10 and acknowledges and agrees to the immediate effect of this Order. Respondent further agrees to  
11 appear before the Commission in a public proceeding, if required by the Commission, to discuss  
12 this Order in more detail and to answer any questions from the Commissioners related to this case.

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

15 5. Respondent and the Commission hereby stipulate to Respondent's consent to a  
16 public admonishment pursuant to PRJDC 29. Respondent further stipulates to the following  
17 substantive provisions:

18 A. He agrees the evidence available to the Commission would establish by  
19 clear and convincing proof that he violated the Code, including Canon 1, Rule 1.1, Canon 1, Rule  
20 1.2 and Canon 2, Rule 2.9(C), and merits the specific discipline stipulated to herein.

21 B. He agrees the discipline of a public admonishment is justified and  
22 authorized by Article 6, Section 21(1) of the Nevada Constitution; NRS 1.428; NRS 1.4653; NRS  
23 1.4677(1)(a); NRS 1.4694; and PRJDC 29.

24 C. He stipulates to a public admonishment for violations of the Judicial Canons  
25 and Rules as set forth above in paragraph (1).

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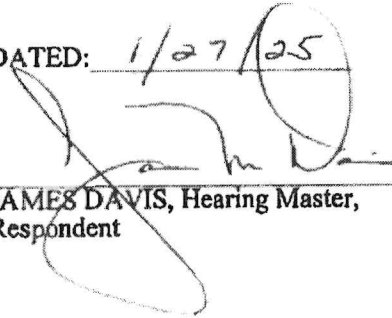
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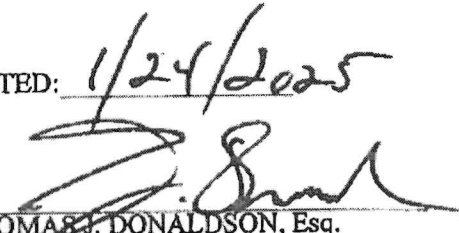
of Appellate Procedure. Respondent also waives all other forms of extraordinary relief for purposes of challenging this Order.

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent is hereby publicly admonished for violating the Code, Canon 1, Rule 1.1, Canon 1, Rule 1.2 and Canon 2, Rule 2.9(C).

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

DATED: 1/27/25  
  
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JAMES DAVIS, Hearing Master,  
Respondent

DATED: 1/24/2025  
  
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THOMAS J. DONALDSON, Esq.  
Special Counsel for the Nevada  
Commission on Judicial Discipline


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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 Admonishment. They further authorize the Chairwoman, if requested, to sign on behalf of the Commission, as a whole, this document containing the Stipulation and Order of Consent to Public Admonishment.

**Signed by:**

**Dated:**

  
STEFANIE HUMPHREY, CHAIRWOMAN

February 4, 2025

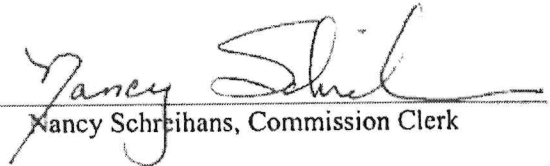
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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2 I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline and that on the  
3 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, I served a copy of the CERTIFIED COPY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER OF  
4 CONSENT TO PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT by email and U.S. Mail, addressed to the following:  
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