

## BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

## STATE OF NEVADA

In the Matter of

THE HONORABLE ERIKA BALLOU,
District Court Judge, Eighth Judicial District
Court, Clark County, State of Nevada,

CASE NOS. 2024-103-P & 2024-105-P

Respondent.

## ORDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF PANEL MEMBERS ORDER REGARDING MEDIA ACCESS

TO: THE HONORABLE ERIKA BALLOU, Respondent TOM PITARO, ESQ., Counsel for Respondent THOMAS C. BRADLEY, ESQ., Special Counsel

Pursuant to order of the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline ("Commission"), a public hearing in the above-captioned matter has been scheduled to commence on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at the hour of 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard and will conclude at or before 5:00 p.m. The public hearing will be conducted at the office of the State Bar of Nevada, 3100 West Charleston Blvd., Suite 100, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. The Respondent, Respondent's counsel and Special Counsel will appear in person.

The following panelists are scheduled to participate as members of the Commission: Stefanie Humphrey (Chair), John Krmpotic (Vice Chair), Joe Sanford, Karl Armstrong, Esq., Patricia Halstead, Esq., Hon. David Hardy (Presiding Officer), and Hon. Tom Stockard/Tom Gregory.

Special Counsel shall present evidence regarding the basis for a finding of violations for three (3) hours. Respondent's counsel shall have three (3) hours to present evidence to rebut the charges as well as evidence in mitigation and extenuation of discipline.

The taking of evidence will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m., including an hour for lunch. At the conclusion of the evidentiary phase, the Commission will entertain final arguments not to exceed thirty (30) minutes by each Party. The scheduling of hours is at the discretion of the Commission.

Each Party should note that the clerk of the Commission will keep track of the time consumed by each side. The time consumed in cross-examination and any re-cross examination of the other Party's witness(es) will be deducted from the total time available to each Party. The Presiding Officer will make adjustments to the basic time allocation as necessary.

The rule of exclusion of witnesses will be in effect. Each Party will be responsible for ensuring that any intended witness (with the exception of the Respondent) is not present for testimony during any portion of the hearing. The requirement not to discuss testimony with other witnesses will be a continuing duty of each witness through the conclusion of the case.

If, after the presentation of evidence and final arguments, the Commission anticipates that it will not have sufficient time to deliberate on site, the Commission may deliberate at a later time. The Commission may allow post-hearing briefs, if necessary and requested, to be filed in this matter within five (5) days of the conclusion of the hearing. A final decision will be announced thereafter in a manner and format consistent with appropriate practice and the law.

Members of the media intending to record this public hearing must obtain consent to do so from the Commission. Media entry requests should be directed to the Hon. David Hardy, Presiding Officer and may be mailed to the Commission at PO Box 18123, Reno, NV, 89511, or sent by electronic mail to <a href="mailto:ncjdinfo@judicial.nv.gov">ncjdinfo@judicial.nv.gov</a>. The request should contain the name and type of media outlet, including street address, email address, telephone and facsimile number(s). Requests must be received by the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m., July 28, 2025.

The Honorable David Hardy is authorized to sign this Order on behalf of the full Commission. IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 9th day of June, 2025.

STATE OF NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

Honorable David Hardy, Commissioner Presiding Officer

1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
2	I hereby certify on this 10 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025, I transmitted a copy of the foregoing ORDER
3	SETTING PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF PANEL MEMBERS, ORDER REGARDING
4	MEDIA ACCESS, via email and by placing said document in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed
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