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

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12 IN THE MATTER OF THE HONORABLE,  
13 MICHELE FIORE, Justice of the Peace,  
14 Pahrump Township Justice Court, Nye  
County, State of Nevada,  
15 Respondent.

Case No.: 2025-108-P

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18 **FORMAL STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

19 THOMAS J. DONALDSON, Special Counsel before the Nevada Commission on  
20 Judicial Discipline ("Commission"), hereby files this Formal Statement of Charges and informs  
21 the Honorable MICHELE FIORE, Justice of the Peace, Pahrump Township Justice Court, Nye  
22 County, State of Nevada, ("Judge Fiore" or "Respondent"), that she violated the Revised Nevada  
23 Code of Judicial Conduct (sometimes referred to as "the Code") as alleged herein.

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**JURISDICTION**

The Commission has jurisdiction to discipline a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of appeals, a district judge, a justice of the peace or a municipal court judge for violations of the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct. *See Nev. Const. art. 6, § 21; NRS 1.425 et seq.; Canon 1, Rule 1.1 of the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct.*

Judge Fiore was sworn in as a justice of the peace on or about December 21, 2022, and is currently suspended from the exercise of office with pay pursuant to NRS 1.4675. Judge Fiore committed all actions described in Counts I through III, herein, while serving as a justice of the peace.

**BACKGROUND FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. In or about 2019 to 2020, prior to becoming a judicial officer, Michele Fiore solicited monetary donations for the creation of a statue in honor of two (2) slain Las Vegas Metropolitan Police officers. Michele Fiore represented to prospective donors that the funds would be used solely for the construction of the statue and received approximately \$70,000 from donors for that purpose. The statue was completed in approximately January of 2020, but none of the funds raised by Judge Fiore were spent on the construction of the statue.
- B. When the donations specifically raised for the construction of the statue could not be used for that purpose, Michele Fiore and later Judge Fiore came under a legal obligation to notify the donors that the specific purpose of their donations was abrogated, to request instructions regarding alternative use of the donations and/or to return the donations.
- C. After becoming a judicial officer on December 21, 2022, Judge Fiore failed to notify the donors that the specific purpose of their donations was abrogated, failed to request instructions regarding alternative use of the donations and/or failed to return the donations to the donors.
- D. On October 3, 2024, almost two years after becoming a judicial officer, Judge Fiore was

1 found guilty by a jury of one (1) count of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud (18 U.S.C. §  
2 1349) and six (6) counts of Wire Fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343), all felonies, based upon  
3 Judge Fiore's fraudulent use of the donations. *United States of America v. Michele Fiore*,  
4 2:24-cr-00155-JAD-DJA.

5 E. Following the jury's verdict but before sentencing, Judge Fiore filed motions for acquittal  
6 and for a new trial arguing, *inter alia*, the evidence adduced at trial did not support the  
7 jury's verdict.

8 F. On April 18, 2025, U.S. District Court Judge Jennifer Dorsey denied Judge Fiore's  
9 motions.

10 G. On April 23, 2025, prior to the imposition of sentence, but after all post-trial motions  
11 were adjudicated, Judge Fiore received a "full and unconditional pardon" from the  
12 President of the United States.

13 H. On April 28, 2025, Judge Dorsey vacated the federal sentencing date and closed the  
14 criminal case without issuing an order of dismissal.

15 **COUNT ONE**

16 By failing to notify the donors that the specific purpose of their donations was abrogated,  
17 by failing to request instructions regarding alternative use of the donations and/or by failing to  
18 return the donations as alleged in Paragraphs A through H above, Judge Fiore, after being sworn  
19 in as a judicial officer, knowingly or unknowingly violated Canon 1, Rule 1.1 of the Code  
20 (requiring a judge to comply with the law).  
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22 **COUNT TWO**

23 By failing to notify the donors that the specific purpose of their donations was abrogated,  
24 by failing to request instructions regarding alternative use of the donations and/or by failing to  
25 return the donations as alleged in Paragraphs A through H above, Judge Fiore, after being sworn  
26 in as a judicial officer, knowingly or unknowingly violated Canon 1, Rule 1.1 of the Code  
27 (requiring a judge to comply with the law including the Code) and Canon 1, Rule 1.2 of the Code  
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1 (requiring a judge to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the  
2 independence, integrity and impartiality of the judiciary and avoiding impropriety and the  
3 appearance of impropriety). Judge Fiore's ongoing wrongful retention of the donations and  
4 unjust enrichment creates in reasonable minds a perception that Judge Fiore's honesty,  
5 impartiality, temperament or fitness to serve as a judge is adversely affected.  
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7 **COUNT THREE**

8 By being found guilty by a jury of her peers of seven (7) felonies involving crimes of  
9 fraud and moral turpitude and by having that guilty verdict upheld by the trial court judge, as  
10 alleged in Paragraphs A through H above, Judge Fiore, after being sworn in as a judicial officer,  
11 violated Canon 1, Rule 1.1 of the Code (requiring a judge to comply with the law including the  
12 Code) and Canon 1, Rule 1.2 of the Code (requiring a judge to avoid impropriety and the  
13 appearance of impropriety). The jury's guilty verdict creates in reasonable minds a perception  
14 that Judge Fiore's honesty, impartiality, temperament or fitness to serve as a judge is adversely  
15 affected.  
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18 Judge Fiore's actions constitute either knowing and deliberate violations of the Code or  
19 violations that were not knowing and deliberate. Both types of violations are contrary to the  
20 form, force and effect of the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct.  
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Respectfully submitted,

DATED: April 24, 2026.

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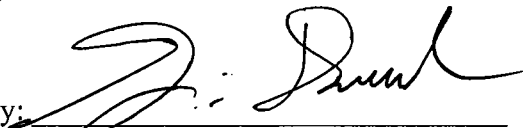
STATE OF NEVADA        )  
                                  ) ss  
CARSON CITY            )

THOMAS J. DONALDSON, being first duly sworn under oath according to Nevada law, and under penalty of perjury, hereby states:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada. I have been retained by the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline to serve in the capacity of Special Counsel in the matter of the Honorable Michele Fiore, Case No. 2025-108-P.

2. I have prepared and reviewed this Formal Statement of Charges against the Honorable Michele Fiore, and, pursuant to the investigation conducted in this matter, and based on the contents of that investigation and following reasonable inquiry, I am informed and believe that the contents of this Formal Statement of Charges are true and accurate.


DATED: 4/29/2026

By:   
Thomas J. Donaldson, Esq.

State of Nevada  
Carson City

Subscribed and sworn before me, a Notary Public

This 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

By:   
NOTARY PUBLIC

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONORABLE MICHELLE FIORE, Justice of the Peace, Pahrump Township Justice Court, Nye County, State of Nevada

Case No :2025-108-P

Respondent,

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STATE OF NEVADA  
COUNTY OF CLARK

**FORMAL STATE MENT OF CHARGES** Received by NOW! Services, Inc. on 04/24/2026 with instructions to serve **HONORABLE MICHELLE FIORE c/o Paola Armenia, Esq. of Clark Hill, PLCC at 1700 South Pavillion Center Drive, Ste. 500, Las Vegas, NV89135.**

I, **Craig Burton**, being duly sworn says: That at all times herein affiant was and is a citizen of the United States, over 18 years of age, not a party to or interested in the proceeding in which this affidavit is made.

I am authorized to serve this process in the circuit/county it was served in.


On **04/27/2026 at 12:07 PM**, I served the within **FORMAL STATE MENT OF CHARGES** on **HONORABLE MICHELLE FIORE c/o Paola Armenia, Esq. of Clark Hill, PLCC at 1700 South Pavillion Center Drive, Ste. 500, Las Vegas, NV89135** in the manner indicated below:

By delivering a true copy of each to **Paola M. Armenia, Esq., Attorney** authorized to accept service on behalf of **HONORABLE MICHELLE FIORE c/o Paola Armenia, Esq. of Clark Hill, PLCC.**

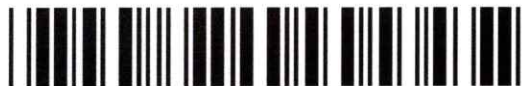
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 27 of April, 2026.

No Notary is required per NRS 53.045.

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