



Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission

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By agreement of the parties the following information is released to the public regarding the investigation of Judge Michael A. Maggio:

Judge Maggio is being represented by Traci LaCerra and Lauren White Hamilton of the Hilburn Law Firm. Contact information for Judge Maggio's attorneys is as follows:

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A thorough and complete investigation is on-going. The allegations involve matters previously confirmed to be under investigation by the JDDC in press releases on March 3, 2014 and March 17, 2014.

The judge is cooperating with the investigation.

These investigations take time. The Due Process rights of the judge, as well as the interest of the public, requires deliberate and thorough preparation by all the attorneys in this case. Due Process "...is, in fact, one of the cornerstone principles that sets our justice system apart from much of the rest of the world... It is one of the great strengths of our ...justice system. It is not a technicality." (see *Martinez v. State*, 2014 Ark. App. 182, Gladwin, concurring).

Questions regarding timing of future events, as with any litigation, are difficult to answer. However, the parties anticipate either a public charging instrument or an agreed sanction to be issued by this office by approximately mid-August, 2014.

There is no other public information available at this time.

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