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Pazuhanich Sanction Order

HARRISBURG, PA. October 5, 2004 - The Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline issued an Order (attached) dated October 1, 2004, removing Mark Peter Pazuhanich from office and declaring him ineligible to hold judicial office in the future.

Joseph A. Massa, Jr., Chief Counsel to the Judicial Conduct Board, advised the Board is pleased with the ruling of the Court of Judicial Discipline. Massa stated, "The Board felt strongly that Pazuhanich's egregious conduct was such that brought the office into disrepute and left an indelible stain on the dignity of the judiciary and warranted the ultimate discipline. The Court's ruling has vindicated the Board's conclusion."

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IN RE: :
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Mark Peter Pazuhanich : :
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas : No. 3 JD 04
Forty-Third Judicial District : :
Monroe County : :

ORDER

AND NOW, this 1st day of October, 2004, after the hearing held by the full Court today on the issue of sanctions, *IT IS HEREBY ORDERED* that Respondent, Mark Peter Pazuhanich, is removed from office and shall be ineligible to hold judicial office in the future.

PER CURIAM

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Halesey, J., did not participate in the consideration or entry of this Order.

Sprague, J., did not participate in the consideration or disposition of this case.

CERTIFIED FROM THE RECORD

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Wanda W. Sweigart
Clerk of Court