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JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD INITIATES FORMAL PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING PITTSBURGH MAGISTRATE MOIRA C. HARRINGTON

HARRISBURG, October 29, 2004 – The Judicial Conduct Board today instituted formal proceedings against Moira C. Harrington, Pittsburgh Magistrate for the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A Board Complaint was filed with the Court of Judicial Discipline in Harrisburg.

Specifically, the Board Complaint concerns allegations of engaging in activity prohibited by law and engaging in conduct which brings the judicial office into disrepute.

In accordance with rules that govern proceedings before the Court of Judicial Discipline, Magistrate Harrington has an opportunity to respond to the charges and a right to a public hearing at which the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.

Following completion of the hearing, the Court will determine if the charges have been proven by clear and convincing evidence. If so, a Sanctions Hearing will be scheduled at which time the Court determines what sanctions to impose.

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