



Press Release

February 22, 2012

TO: Media/Press

FROM: Judicial Conduct Board

**SUBJECT: No. 1 JD 2012 Magisterial District Judge Kelly S. Ballentine
District Court 02-2-01, Lancaster County**

Harrisburg. On Wednesday, February 22, 2012, pursuant to the petition of the Judicial Conduct Board, the Court of Judicial Discipline suspended Magisterial District Judge Kelly S. Ballentine with pay due to the pending felony charges against the judge. Judge Ballentine was charged with 3 counts of Conflict of Interest, a felony, 6 counts of Tampering with Public Records or Information, a felony of the third degree and 3 counts of Obstructing Administration of Law or Governmental Function, a misdemeanor of the second degree. The Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General filed a criminal complaint on February 13, 2012 and alleged that Judge Ballentine failed to pay fines and costs owed on three summary traffic citations which were issued to her in November, 2010 by Lancaster police. Furthermore, the OAG alleged in the complaint that on or between December, 2010 and January, 2011, Judge Ballentine used her position as judge to personally access the district justice computer system and dismiss her own traffic citations.

The Board reserves further comment on this matter until such time as the criminal charges against Judge Ballentine are resolved.

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Court of Judicial Discipline Order attached.

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Magisterial District Judge
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Lancaster County

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ORDER JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

AND NOW, this 22nd day of February, 2012, it is hereby ORDERED
that Respondent is SUSPENDED WITH PAY from all of her duties as
magisterial district judge of magisterial district 02-2-01.

Respondent's entitlement to any medical benefits shall not be affected
by this Order.

PER CURIAM

CERTIFIED FROM THE RECORD

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Wanda W. Sweigart
Clerk of Court