



**Judicial Conduct Board**  
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## **Press Release**

**January 6, 2009**

**TO: Media/Press**

**FROM: Judicial Conduct Board**

**SUBJECT: Court of Judicial Discipline Opinion  
James M. DeLeon  
Philadelphia Municipal Court  
Philadelphia County  
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**Harrisburg.** The Pennsylvania Court of Judicial Discipline has suspended Philadelphia Municipal Court Judge James M. DeLeon for three months without pay, following a sanctions hearing in Harrisburg last evening. In its Complaint filed on August 7, 2008, The Judicial Conduct Board had charged Judge DeLeon with misconduct arising out of his issuance of a bogus “stay away order” on behalf of a social acquaintance. In addition to the suspension, Judge DeLeon was also ordered to pay restitution to Lee Corley, the man to whom the improper order was issued. After receiving the stay away order, Corley was forced to hire legal counsel to have the order vacated. The Court also placed Judge DeLeon on probation with the Judicial Conduct Board until his term expires in January 2012.

### **Counsel**

**Board: Daniel T. Reimer, Esquire -- Assistant Counsel**

**Respondent: Samuel C. Stretton, Esquire**

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*Court of Judicial Discipline Order attached*

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**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009, upon consideration of the testimony presented to this Court at the Sanction Hearing and upon the arguments of counsel, the Court **ORDERS** that Respondent is hereby **SUSPENDED** for a period of three (3) months **WITHOUT PAY** from his office of Judge of the Municipal Court of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, said suspension shall be effective February 1, 2009; and that thereafter he be placed on probation until January 2, 2012, said probation to be supervised by the Judicial Conduct Board; further said probation shall be conditional upon Respondent providing restitution to Mr. Lee Corley for the legal expenses he incurred as a result of the Order entered by Respondent on September 7, 2005 against the said Mr. Lee Corley. The amount of restitution shall be in an amount verified by the Judicial Conduct Board.

**PER CURIAM**

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