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**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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IN RE:

Judge Scott DiClaudio
Court of Common Pleas
First Judicial District
Philadelphia County

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MOTION TO ALLOW REMOTE TESTIMONY

AND NOW, this 16th day of September 2025, comes the Judicial Conduct Board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Board) and files this Motion to Allow Remote Testimony.

1. On September 9, 2025, the Board filed with this Court a Petition for Relief for Interim Suspension Without Pay in the above-docketed case.
2. The Court has scheduled a hearing on this Petition to take place on October 6, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Bowman En Banc Courtroom located in the Pennsylvania Judicial Center in Harrisburg, PA.
3. The Board intends to call as a witness Nicole Vernacchio, who is employed as a clerk with the First Judicial District Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, PA.
4. Ms. Vernacchio's testimony is expected to be exceedingly brief.


WHEREFORE, the Board requests that Ms. Vernacchio be permitted to testify remotely at the October 6, 2025, hearing on the Board's Petition to Suspend.

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA L. NORTON
Chief Counsel

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VERIFICATION

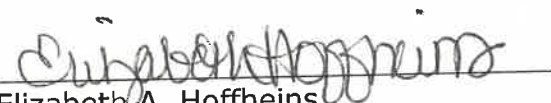
I, Elizabeth A. Hoffheins, Deputy Counsel to the Judicial Conduct Board, verify that the statements made in the attached motion are true and correct. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania

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PROOF OF SERVICE

In compliance with Rule 122 of the Court of Judicial Discipline Rules of Procedure, on the below date a copy of the Motion for Remote Testimony was served by First-Class Mail and email upon Michael T. van der Veen, Esquire counsel for Judge DiClaudio at the following address:


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