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**IN RE:**  
**JUDGE SCOTT DICLAUDIO**  
**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**PHILADELPHIA COMPLAINT**

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: **COMMONWEALTH OF**  
: **PENNSYLVANIA COURT OF**  
: **JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**  
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**OBJECTION TO JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD'S MOTION FOR**  
**REMOTE TESTIMONY**

Judge Scott DiClaudio ("Judge DiClaudio"), by and through his attorney, Michael T. van der Veen, hereby submits this Objection to Judicial Conduct Board's Motion for Remote Testimony. In support thereof, Judge DiClaudio represents the following:

1. On or about September 9, 2025, the Judicial Conduct Board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("the Board") filed a Petition for Relief for Interim Suspension Without Pay ("Petition").
2. A hearing on the Board's Petition is currently scheduled for October 6, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.
3. On or about September 16, 2025, the Board filed a Motion to Allow Remote Testimony of their witness, Nicole Vernacchio.
4. The Board submits in the Motion that Ms. Vernacchio's testimony will be "exceedingly brief." However, undersigned counsel does not agree with this assertion.

5. The allegations posed by the Board in the Petition for Relief for Interim Suspension Without Pay incorporate the recently filed Judicial Complaint, and are extremely serious and damaging to Judge DiClaudio's reputation.

6. The relief sought by the Board in their Petition, if granted, would significantly and negatively impact the life of Judge DiClaudio.

7. As such, due process demands that Judge DiClaudio be given the opportunity to cross-examine Nicole Vernacchio in person.

8. For these reasons, undersigned counsel respectfully requests this Honorable Court deny the Board's request to allow their witness, Nicole Vernacchio, to testify remotely at the October 6, 2025 Hearing.

**WHEREFORE**, for the foregoing reasons, this Honorable Court should enter an Order denying the Judicial Conduct Board's Motion for Remote Testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

**VAN DER VEEN, HARTSHORN,  
LEVIN & LINDHEIM**

Date: September 25, 2025

BY: */s/ Michael T. van der Veen*  
Michael T. van der Veen, Esquire  
Attorney for Respondent

**VERIFICATION**

I, Michael T. van der Veen, Esquire, verify that the statements made in the foregoing 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I, Michael T. van der Veen, Esquire, 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.

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I, Michael T. van der Veen, hereby certify a copy of this Objection to Judicial Conduct Board's Motion for Remote Testimony was sent electronically, by email, and/or by USPS first class mail upon the following:

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