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IN RE:
JUDGE SCOTT DICLAUDIO
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AMENDED PROPOSED WITNESS LIST

Judge Scott DiClaudio (“Judge DiClaudio”), by and through his attorney, Michael T. van der Veen, hereby submits this Proposed Amended Witness List in response to this Honorable Court’s September 17, 2025 Order. Judge DiClaudio intends to additionally call the following individual(s) during the October 6, 2025 Hearing on the Judicial Conduct Board’s Petition for Relief for Interim Suspension Without Pay:

- 1.-4. **Incorporated by reference.**
5. **Investigator Paul Fontanes**

Respondent is presently unable to submit an Offer of Proof regarding the anticipated testimony of Investigator Paul Fontanes. Upon review of the Court-ordered discovery, it is clear that Mr. Fontanes is a material witness in this matter. However, Respondent is not in a position to provide a good faith basis for what specific testimony Mr. Fontanes may offer at this time.

6. Judge Rose Marie DeFino-Nastasi

It is anticipated that Judge Rose Marie DeFino-Nastasi will testify concerning the referral made by her and Judge Anders to the Judicial Conduct Board. Beyond that, upon information and belief, Judge DeFino-Nastasi will testify to additional relevant facts concerning this referral and its context.

7. Melissa Norton, Esquire

Upon information and belief, Ms. Melissa Norton, Esquire, will testify that she holds personal animus toward Judge DiClaudio, which may suggest a bias or motive relevant to this matter. This includes, but is not limited to, the filing and investigation of numerous judicial complaints that lack any legal or factual basis and that have been, or will soon be, dismissed..

8. Robert Rihmeek Williams a/k/a Meek Mill

Upon information and belief, Mr. Robert Rihmeek Williams, also known as “Meek Mill,” will testify that he has no personal or professional affiliation with Mr. Dwayne Jones. Furthermore, Mr. Williams will testify that he has never requested or expected Judge DiClaudio to exert influence in any legal matters or proceedings involving him. He is also expected to testify that he has known Judge DiClaudio for approximately one year and that, in his experience, Judge DiClaudio is an honorable, kind, and fair individual.

9. Dwayne Jones

Upon information and belief, Mr. Dwayne Jones will testify that he first met Judge DiClaudio on or about June 1, 2025. He is expected to recount a brief conversation during which he inquired whether Judge DiClaudio was, in fact, a judge. Upon confirmation, Mr. Jones informed

Judge DiClaudio that he had pled guilty to a gun charge and was awaiting sentencing before Judge Shaffer. Mr. Jones will further testify that Judge DiClaudio responded by stating that Judge Shaffer was a good judge who always does the right thing.

10. Judge Leon Tucker

Upon information and belief, Judge Leon Tucker will testify that he assigned Judge DiClaudio to handle Post Conviction Relief Act (PCRA) matters in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. Judge Tucker is expected to testify that, in his professional opinion, Judge DiClaudio is a fair, impartial, compassionate, and hardworking jurist.

11. Judge Lucretia Clemons

Upon information and belief, Judge Lucretia Clemons will testify that, upon her appointment as Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, she assigned Judge DiClaudio to preside over PCRA cases. She is likewise expected to testify that Judge DiClaudio is a fair, impartial, compassionate, and diligent judge.

12. Ellie Rushing

Upon information and belief, Ms. Rushing will testify that on or about July 12, 2025, she authored an article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* concerning the alleged conduct referenced in the complaint. She is expected to testify that she did not receive any information regarding the subject matter of the article from Judge DiClaudio, his staff, or any individuals affiliated with Judge DiClaudio, and that the basis of the information contained in the article was confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

**VAN DER VEEN, HARTSHORN,
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Date: October 5, 2025

BY: */s/ Michael T. van der Veen*
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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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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michael T. van der Veen, hereby certify a copy of this Amended Proposed Witness List was sent electronically, by email, and/or by USPS first class mail upon the following:

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