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**JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD'S RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S PETITION FOR
RELIEF IN THE NATURE OF A PETITION FOR EXPEDITED RELIEF FROM AND
VACATION OF THIS COURT'S ORDER OF OCTOBER 9, 2024 SUSPENDING
RESPONDENT WITHOUT PAY**

AND NOW, this 3rd day of December, 2025, comes the Judicial Conduct Board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Board), by and through undersigned counsel, and files this Response to Respondent's Petition for Relief In the Nature of a Petition for Expedited Relief From and Vacation of this Court's Order of October 9, 2024 Suspending Judge Stambaugh Without Pay, and in support thereof, avers the following:

1. Admitted that this paragraph accurately quotes Article V, § 18(d)(2) of the Pennsylvania Constitution.
2. Admitted.
3. Admitted.
4. Admitted.
5. Admitted.
6. Admitted.
7. Admitted.
8. Admitted.

9. The Board is without sufficient evidence to formulate a belief about the veracity of this averment. Accordingly, it is denied. By way of further answer, it is admitted that Respondent pleaded not guilty to the charges in the indictment.
10. Admitted.
11. Admitted in part; it is admitted that the assigned Assistant United States Attorney made these representations in court to the assigned federal judge regarding the nature of the charges and the quality of the evidence to support them. The remainder of this paragraph is denied as conclusions of law.
12. Admitted.
13. Admitted.
14. Admitted.
15. Admitted.
16. Admitted.
17. Admitted.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this Honorable Court grant such relief as may be deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa L. Norton
Chief Counsel

DATE: December 3, 2025

BY:



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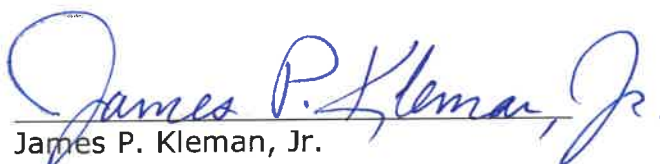
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VERIFICATION

I, James P. Kleman, Jr., Deputy Chief Counsel to the Judicial Conduct Board, verify that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that the statements made in this petition are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904, regarding unsworn falsification to authorities.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

In compliance with Rule 122 of the Court of Judicial Discipline Rules of Procedure, on December 3, 2025, a copy of the Board's foregoing response was delivered to Judge Stambaugh by email service to his counsel, Robert A. Graci, Esquire, upon agreement.

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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* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania

Signature:



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