

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION**

IN RE THE MATTER OF:

**TIMOTHY A. LANGFORD, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

AGREED ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Timothy A. Langford ("Judge Langford") is a Circuit Court Judge for Kentucky's 1st Judicial Circuit, consisting of Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman Counties. Prior to the commencement of the final hearing, the parties reached an agreement to resolve the matter. Judge Langford has waived formal proceedings and Judge Langford, the Judicial Conduct Commission (the "Commission") and the Commission's Counsel have agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Commission received Complaints and other information, conducted preliminary and subsequent investigations, and filed a Notice of Formal Proceedings and Charges (the "Original Notice") and an Amended Notice of Formal Proceedings and Charges (the Original Notice and Amended Notice referred to collectively as the "Notices") against Judge Langford alleging he violated the Canons of the Kentucky Code of Judicial Conduct. The Notices asserted nine (9) charges against Judge Langford. Judge Langford timely filed an Answer to the Notices

Judge Langford and the Commission's Counsel, reached agreement on a resolution of this matter, as described below. The Commission's Counsel recommended that the Commission accept the agreement reached with Judge Langford, and the Commission, by a vote of 5-0 approved the agreement, resulting in this Agreed Order of Suspension:

1. Judge Langford agrees that he will not retaliate against any witness, complainant or person involved in these proceedings regarding their statements, actions or other conduct prior to the date of this Agreed Order of Suspension, and further agrees that if he does commit any such acts of retaliation as to such prior statements, acts or conduct, it will constitute a breach of this Agreed Order of Suspension.

2. Judge Langford agrees that any statements made by him or by others under his direction disavowing the contents or the specific admissions in this Agreed Order shall constitute a breach of this Agreed Order which shall result in a reinstatement of the charges and may subject Judge Langford to additional discipline up to and including removal from office.

3. Judge Langford agrees no individual employed in his judicial office shall maintain employment or compensation by any third-party entity administering or providing court-approved probation monitoring services while at the same time working for Judge Langford.

4. Judge Langford agrees that he will withdraw as a member of the Board of Directors of the First Judicial Circuit Corrections Board, Inc. He further agrees that he will not hold any subsequent leadership, management, or other administrative position with a third-party administrator or provider of a court-approved probation monitoring program while he is a Judge.

5. This Agreed Order of Suspension resolves all pending claims and charges brought against Judge Langford by the Commission as set forth in the Notices.

6. By entering into this Agreed Order of Suspension, Judge Langford recognizes and admits that he violated provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Judge Langford maintains that these violations were not made intentionally.



7. As it relates to the Counts in the Notices, Judge Langford agrees to, as follows:
- a. As to Count I of the Notices, Judge Langford denies requesting the use of inmates at the Fulton County Detention Center to perform work during the reconstruction of the West Hickman Baptist Church. Judge Langford does acknowledge that inmates unloaded materials at the church and that the Commission has witnesses who would testify consistent with the allegations set forth in Count I.
 - b. As to Count II of the Notices, Judge Langford denies requesting the use of publicly-owned equipment for use during the reconstruction of the West Hickman Baptist Church. Judge Langford does acknowledge that publicly-owned equipment may have been utilized during the reconstruction of the church and that the Commission has a witness who would testify consistent with the allegations set forth in Count II.
 - c. As to Count III of the Notices, Judge Langford admits that his legal assistant informed probationers of opportunities to perform work at the West Hickman Baptist Church and provided transportation to probationers to perform community service work at the West Hickman Baptist Church and that these acts constitute a violation of the Canons 1 and 2A of the Kentucky Code of Judicial Conduct.
 - d. As to Count IV of the Notices, Judge Langford admits that he committed the acts set forth therein and that these acts constitute a violation of the Canons 1, 2A, and 3B(7) of the Kentucky Code of Judicial Conduct.
 - e. As to Count V of the Notices, the Commission clarifies that Judge Langford's legal assistant did not receive compensation above and beyond his approved salary for work with the First Judicial Circuit Corrections Cabinet, Inc. With that clarification, Judge Langford admits that he committed the acts set forth

- in Count V and that these acts constitute a violation of the Canons 1, 2A, and 2D of the Kentucky Code of Judicial Conduct.
- f. As to Count VI of the Notices, Judge Langford denies engaging in any ex parte communication regarding Fulton Circuit Court Case No. 09-CR-00061 and further notes that the issues referenced in Count VI were discussed on the record in open court. Judge Langford acknowledges that the Commission has a witness who would testify consistent with the allegations set forth in Count VI.
- g. As to Count VII of the Notices, the Commission recognizes that Judge Langford initially ruled on a motion for relief from ankle monitoring on September 24, 2012. As to the remaining allegations, Judge Langford admits that he committed the acts set forth therein and that these acts constitute a violation of the Canons 1, 2A, and 3B(8) of the Kentucky Code of Judicial Conduct.
- h. As to Count VIII of the Notices, Judge Langford admits that he committed the acts set forth therein and that these acts constitute a violation of the Canons 1, and 2A of the Kentucky Code of Judicial Conduct.
- i. As to Count IX of the Notices, Judge Langford contends that taking a motion under advisement constitutes a ruling under KRS 439.265. Nevertheless, he recognizes that the Commission interprets KRS 439.265 as requiring a ruling granting or denying a motion. Judge Langford admits the factual allegations contained in Count VIII and further admits that these acts constitute a violation of the Canons 1, 2A, and 3B(8) of the Kentucky Code of Judicial Conduct.

Therefore, in light of the foregoing, Judge Langford is hereby suspended from his duties as Circuit Court Judge, without pay, for a period of sixty (60) days, beginning April 18, 2018

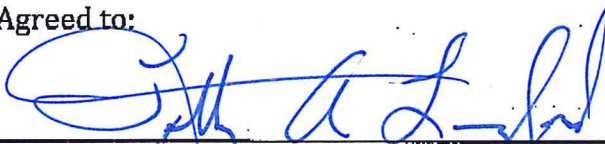
and ending June 16, 2018. During his suspension, Judge Langford shall refrain from performing the duties of his office, shall not access or utilize court resources, and shall not appear at the Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman Courthouses. In entering this Order with the agreement of Judge Langford, the Commission has duly considered that Judge Langford fully cooperated in the Commission's investigation and procedures.

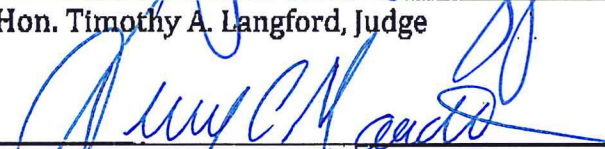
Judge Jeff S. Taylor, Judge Eddy Coleman, Judge David P. Bowles, Mr. Michael A. Noftsgar, and Mr. Stephen D. Wolnitzek, sitting.

Date: 4/2/2018


Stephen D. Wolnitzek, Chair

Agreed to:


Hon. Timothy A. Langford, Judge


Jeffrey C. Mando, Counsel for the Commission