

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION

IN RE THE MATTER OF:

WILLIAM W. ROBERTS, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
21<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

AGREED ORDER OF SUSPENSION

William Roberts is District Judge for Kentucky's 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District consisting of Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, and Rowan Counties. Judge Roberts has waived formal proceedings and has agreed to entry of this Order.

During a preliminary investigation, the Commission received information that Judge Roberts engaged in the following conduct: He was involved in a vehicular accident on March 10, 2018 in Rowan County, Kentucky and then left the scene of the accident in violation of KRS § 189.580.

The Commission concludes that Judge Roberts' conduct violates SCR 4.300, the Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 1 by failing to maintain high standards of conduct and uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary; Canon 2A by failing to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary; and Canon 3B(2) by failing to be faithful to the law..

Therefore, in light of Judge Roberts' conduct, he is hereby suspended from his duties without pay for a period of seven (7) consecutive days beginning midnight February 15, 2019 and ending midnight February 22, 2019. During the suspension, Judge Roberts shall not use his judicial office at the Rowan County Justice Center, nor any other judicial offices he may have in other courthouses. Judge Roberts shall also forbear from using his secure

courthouse access pass and shall turn in any access passes, keys, or credentials to court security while the suspension is in effect.

In entering this Order with the agreement of Judge Roberts, the Commission has duly considered that he fully cooperated in the Commission's investigation and has taken appropriate steps to ensure that the offending conduct will not be repeated.

SO ORDERED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019

  
STEPHEN D. WOLNITZEK, CHAIR

Have Seen and Agreed:



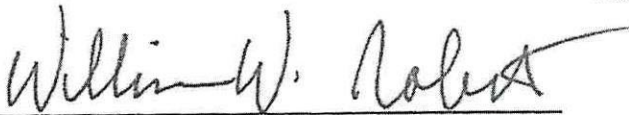
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Judge Karen Thomas recused from any consideration of this matter.