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IN RE :

Judge Sonya M. McKnight. :  
Magisterial District Judge. : 1 JD 2021  
Magisterial District 12-2-04.  
12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. :  
Dauphin County

**MOTION FOR DEFERRAL OF DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO 207 PA. CODE  
RULE 422**


Judge Sonya McKnight, by and through her undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this Motion for Deferral of Disposition, and in support states as follows.

1. On December 16, 2020, the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General charged Magisterial District Judge Sonya McKnight in a criminal complaint with second degree misdemeanor offenses.
2. On February 8, 2021, the Board filed a complaint in the Court of Judicial Discipline charging Judge McKnight with violating the Rules Governing Standards of Conduct of Magisterial District Judges in relation to the allegations involved in her criminal complaint.
3. A jury trial is scheduled to commence on July 26, 2021, in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County on the aforementioned criminal charges.
4. 207 Pa. Code Rule 422 (a) provides “the Court may defer the litigation of a case

where a direct criminal appeal is pending and the judicial officer still holds office”.

5. The Petitioner respectfully requests that the instant litigation before the Court of Judicial Discipline be stayed pending a final disposition of her criminal charges. WHEREFORE, it is respectfully submitted that this Honorable Court stay these proceedings pending final disposition of the Petitioner’s criminal case.

~~Respectfully Submitted,~~

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VERIFICATION

I, Brian J. McMonagle, Esq, verify that the statements in this Petition for Deferral of  
Disposition are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 4904, relating to  
unsworn falsification to authorities.

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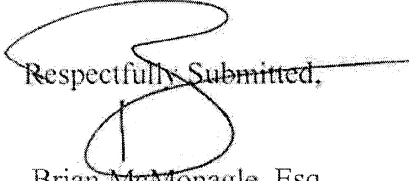
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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

In compliance with Rule 122 of the Court of Judicial Discipline Rules of Procedure, on the date below a copy of the Petitioner's Motion for Deferral of Disposition was sent by overnight mail to Melissa L. Norton at the following address and by email:

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