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Judge Sonya M. McKnight :  
Magisterial District Judge :  
Magisterial District 12-2-04 : 2 JD 2023; 1 JD 2021  
12th Judicial District :  
Dauphin County :

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE**

AND NOW this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, the Judicial Conduct Board by and through counsel, Elizabeth R. Donnelly, responds to Magisterial District Judge Sonya McKnight's request for continuance as follows:

1. The Board objects to an indefinite continuance of the matter currently pending before the Court of Judicial Discipline and requests an in-person hearing on Magisterial District Judge McKnight's continuance request.
2. The Board requests the Court of Judicial Discipline appoint Judge McKnight counsel pursuant to Rule 601(A).
3. The Board requests the Court of Judicial Discipline enter an order requiring Judge McKnight to undergo a physical/mental evaluation pursuant to Rule 601(B).

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA L. NORTON  
Chief Counsel

DATE: September 19, 2023

By: 

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Pa. Supreme Court ID No. 308085

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**VERIFICATION**

I, Elizabeth R. Donnelly, Deputy Counsel to the Judicial Conduct Board, verify that the Judicial Conduct Board found probable cause to file the Response to Request for Continuance. 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.

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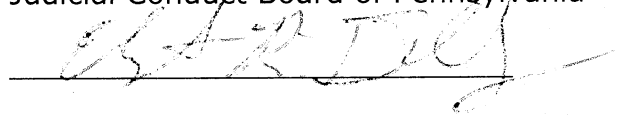
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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania

Signature:



Name:

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Deputy Counsel

Attorney No.:

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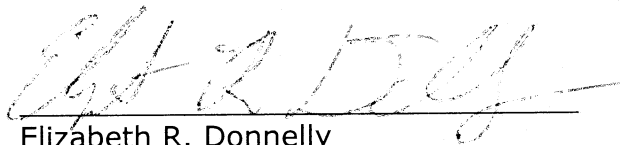
In compliance with Rule 122 of the Court of Judicial Discipline Rules of Procedure, on the date below a copy of the Board's Response to Request for Continuance was sent by First Class Mail as addressed below:

Honorable Sonya M. McKnight  
2744 Lexington Street  
Harrisburg, 17110

Respectfully submitted,

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