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IN RE:

ANGELES ROCA :
JUDGE OF THE COURT OF : NO. 14 JD 2015
COMMON PLEAS :
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT :
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY :

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES OF THE RESPONDENT, ANGELES ROCA

The Respondent, Angeles Roca, by her counsel, Samuel C. Stretton, Esquire, at the sanction hearing, will present the following witnesses.

A.) Witnesses Who Will Testify In Person

1.) Milagros Roca - Ms. Roca is the Respondent's sister and will testify as to her character and other issues pertaining to sanctions.

2. Elsie Echevarria - Ms. Echevarria was the Respondent's judicial secretary and will testify to character and her diligence.

3. Virginia Jutierrez, Esquire - Ms. Jutierrez was the law clerk for the Respondent and will testify as to character and her diligence.

4. Angeles Roca will testify on her own behalf on the issue of sanctions.

5. Angeles Roca will incorporate by reference all the testimony of the character witnesses who testified at the trial on merits. Those witnesses include:

- a.) Former Judge Nelson Diaz (9/8 N.T. 102)
- b.) Attorney Mark Momjian (9/8 N.T. 106)
- c.) Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez (9/8 N.T. 112).
- d.) Attorney Walter McHugh (9/8 N.T. 116).
- e.) Attorney Mary Vidas (9/8 N.T. 122).
- f.) Attorney John Morris (9/8 N.T. 129). Mr. Morris was not presented as character, but on the subject matter of the meeting with the federal agents.
- g.) Oscar Fuentes, a longtime friend of the Respondent (9/8 N.T. 140).
- h.) Attorney Michael Grasso (9/8 N.T. 143).
- i.) Ian Rexach, the Respondent's son (9/8 N.T. 147). He was not asked character questions, but testified only as to how the case was resolved once it was sent for a hearing.

B.) Witness Who Will Testify By Letter

1. October 31, 2016 letter from Quelcy Lozada, Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Sanchez. This letter is attached and marked as Exhibit "A".

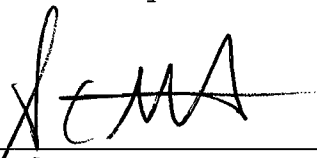
2. November 2, 2016 letter from Iris Violeta Colon Torres-Garayua, a retired linguist in the Court of Common Pleas. This letter is attached and marked as Exhibit "B".

3. November 2, 2016 letter from Joseph A. Guinan, III, Esquire, a practicing attorney. This letter is attached and marked as Exhibit "C".

4. Letter postmarked November 3, 2016 from Gardenia Bradley, the Court Officer for the Respondent.

5. Mr. Stretton expects another ten to twenty letters and will submit the same upon receipt.

Respectfully submitted,



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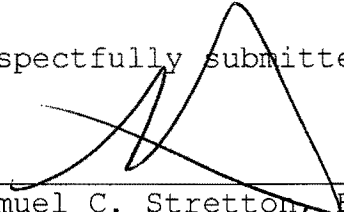
I hereby certify I am this date serving a copy of the Respondent's Statement of Witnesses in the captioned matter upon the following persons in the manner indicated below.

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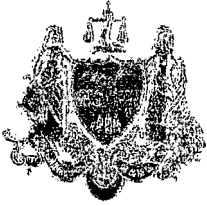
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Pennsylvania Judicial Center
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Harrisburg, PA 17106
2. Honorable Angeles Roca
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Respectfully submitted,

11/8/16
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you in regarding Judge Angeles Roca who I have had the pleasure of knowing for fifteen years. Judge Angeles Roca has been one of the most passionate, hardworking, and dedicated judges here in the City of Philadelphia that I have had the pleasure of knowing as a Judge and friend. In addition to having firsthand knowledge of Angeles' work ethic and abilities, I am also familiar with her education and career goals as she has strived to be one of the top Judges here in the City of Philadelphia.

Throughout the City of Philadelphia, especially in our Latino community, Judge Roca has earned the respect of her community and has been viewed as one of the fairest judges the City has to offer. Judge Roca is one of very few Spanish speaking Judges, which has allowed plaintiffs and defendants to express themselves without the need of a translator in her courtroom, facilitating the hearings. Judge Roca has proudly served a community that has and continues to be underserved since her appointment in 2008 by former Governor Ed Rendell.

Although what Angeles did was not in her best judgment I truly believe she has learned her lesson, has self-reflected on her mistakes, and is ready to give back to the City of Philadelphia once again. Judge Roca has not only been a great person on and off the bench but she has been a leader for Latino youth throughout the City as she has always strived to give back to her community. Please feel free to contact me at Quetcy.Lozada@Phila.Gov or at 215-686-3448 with any further questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Quetcy Lozada
Chief of Staff

Councilwoman Maria Quiñones Sánchez

Exhibit A

November 2, 2016

From: Iris Violeta Colón Torres-Garayúa
760 South Sheridan Street
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to introduce myself. I am Iris Violeta Colón Torres-Garayua, a retired Linguist from the Court of Common Pleas of the City and County of Philadelphia with over twenty four years of service. During this time I have met legends and heroes, and most importantly, confronted daily the problems that plague my community. I am honored to have had the opportunity to be able to serve the needs of my community by being their voice as they came to seek justice.

I first came to know Judge Angeles Roca as a lawyer. Upon meeting this then, very young woman, I was struck by her decorum and I was immediately drawn to her sense of authenticity, humility, and her positive disposition. She gave uncounted hours to her people trying to help them find justice. Not only she was serving her community, in many cases free of charge, but, she was communicating with them in their own language. Judge Roca is an upstanding individual who is caring and conscientious. She has a high level of integrity and intelligence. She consistently demonstrates her compassion for others by her caring gestures for those in need. She is a role model to the community and the pillar of support for many.

There is no doubt in my mind that this situation is one of those unexplainable curves that life sometimes tosses at us. One thing I know for sure, Judge Roca, and the community she serves, deserves a chance. I also know that my community is suffering the backlash of this problem. We need Judge Roca back in the courtroom. I believe that by not allowing her to continue her judgeship would be of great detriment.

Sincerely yours,


Iris Violeta Colón Torres-Garayúa

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Exhibit "B"

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November 2, 2016

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
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RE: Judge Angeles Roca

To the Honorable Justices:

I had the good fortune to meet Angeles Roca in 2006 when we were both practicing Family Law in the Philadelphia County, Court of Common Pleas.

I quickly came to appreciate the care and concern she demonstrated to the clients she represented. Many of those clients were among the most economically deprived citizens of Philadelphia, who were not only involved in emotionally charged Family Court litigation but were additionally adversely affected by crime and criminal activity in their neighborhoods.

It was at that time that I also first noticed that Angeles possessed a trait which I would again observe her demonstrate over and over again during our association throughout the ensuing years. That trait was a willingness to offer help and assistance to anyone who needed it regardless of their stature in the community or their ability to pay. I admired Angeles greatly for living her life in this manner.

Angeles established herself as a role model for me by working diligently to provide excellent legal services while remaining compassionate in dealing with all parties in each case. Judge Roca understood that the parties in Family Court litigation were all related and would continue to be related to each other long after the litigation ended. Her efforts were always directed toward helping to salvage families whenever possible with an eye on nurturing future relationships between the family members.

After Judge Roca took the bench, she brought the same view, always hearing both sides of a case equally and always stressing the need for children to have both of their parents in their lives. Angeles always respected the parties and lawyers in her Court Room. Her calm demeanor, her concern for people and her excellent knowledge of family law served to make her Courtroom a place where everyone knew that justice would prevail.

Exhibit C

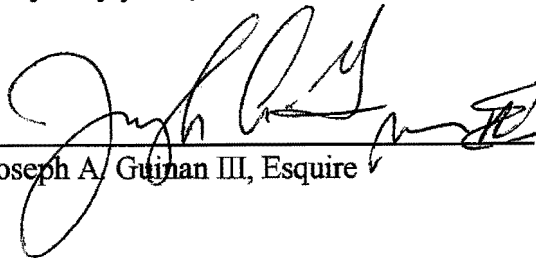
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Without the significant assistance of Angeles Roca both before and after she took the bench in Philadelphia, many citizens of Philadelphia would have significantly lower quality of life.

Angeles Roca provided counsel, help and assistance to the citizens of Philadelphia and to me personally over the years and never asked for a thing in return. However, I am asking Your Honors to take the above into consideration as you contemplate the disposition of her case.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Joseph A. Guinan III, Esquire

JAG/hl

cc: Angeles Roca

Mr. Strettton, Esq

I have known the Honorable Judge Roca, for almost seven years, my name is Gardenia Bradley, I am the court officer who was assigned to her courtroom. I truly believe that I am in a position to speak of her moral character, so I hope this letter is taken into consideration.

During my time as the Judge's court officer I found her honor to be kind, considerate, fair and just. I can't imagine how difficult it must be to make a decision concerning someone's life whom you do not know, but Judge Roca has made those decisions time and time again and always with the upmost integrity and with the best interest of the lives of the plaintiff, defendant and\or the children as the deciding factor.

I have been blessed to have worked with and for her, and I truly feel that I am a better person as a result of my association with her Honor.

I pray that this letter is a factor in any pending decisions.

Thank you,

For your time and any consideration

Gardenia Bradley

Exhibit 'D'