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**JUDGE LYRIS F. YOUNGE'S ANSWER**  
**TO THE COMPLAINT OF THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD**

1. The averments contained in this paragraph constitute a conclusion of law to which no response is required.
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6. Denied. Judge Younge is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of this averment. Strict proof is demanded at the time of trial.
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further response, the Superior Court erroneously sent correspondence to Judge John Milton Younge's chambers.

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WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this Honorable Court grant Judge Younge the appropriate relief.

Respectfully submitted,



September 20, 2019,

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