COURT OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COURT OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

IN RE: JUDGE MARISSA J. BRUMBACH

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

1ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

2 JD 2022

REPONDENT JUDGE MARISSA J. BRUMBACH'S MOTION TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS DUCES TECUM

Respondent Judge Marissa J. Brumbach, by and through the undersigned counsel, requests, this Court allow her to issue subpoena duces tecum, and avers as follows:

- 1. On December 14, 2022, the Judicial Conduct Board filed a Complaint against Judge Brumbach alleging nine counts of judicial misconduct.
- 2. On January 6, 2023, this Court held a hearing on the Board's Petition For Relief For Interim Suspension Without Pay.
- 3. On January 12, 2023, this Court denied the Board's Petition For Relief For Interim Suspension Without Pay.
- 4. On January 30, 2023—although it was not docketed until the next day—Judge Brumbach filed her Omnibus Motion consistent with this Court's January 11 Order extending the deadline to file an Omnibus Motion.
- 5. On February 9, 2023, the Board filed its Reply to Judge Brumbach's Omnibus Motion.
- 6. On February 22, 2023, Judge Brumbach filed a Motion to File a Reply Brief to Board's Reply, with the proposed Reply Brief attached.

- 7. On February 23, 2023, this Court granted the Motion and allowed the Board ten days to file its own Reply; the Board did not do so.
- 8. On Mach 24, 2023, Judge Brumbach filed a Motion to extend the Discovery deadline by 45 days.
- 9. On March 31, 2023, this Court granted Judge Brumbach's Motion and extended the discovery deadline to May 17, 2023.
- 10. On April 3, 2023, this Court denied Judge Brumbach's Omnibus Motion.
- 11. Throughout this time, Judge Brumbach sent the Board two discovery requests: one on December 20, 2022 and a supplemental request on January 24, 2023.
- 12. The Board has made two discovery productions in response: one on December 31, 2022 and another on February 9, 2023.
- 13. Initially, Board did not respond individually to each discovery request—as is customary—and instead simply stated that it complied with Court of Judicial Discipline Rule of Procedure 401's requirements.
- 14. In an April 10 letter, the Board provided Judge Brumbach with individual responses to her discovery requests.
- 15. Because the Board apparently does not have the information that Judge Brumbach sought—information that is critical to her defense—she seeks this Court's permission to issue subpoenas duces tecum to Judge Dugan, Judge Pittman, and the First Judicial District. See Exhibit A.

- 16. Judge Brumbach sought and was issued subpoenas pursuant to Rule124.
- 17. Rule 124 and the subpoenas reference that the subpoena is issued, in part, to obtain testimony in some form.
- 18. In this case, Judge Brumbach does not intend to obtain deposition testimony from any witness, and therefore does not need to seek leave for deposition pursuant to Rule 402.
- 19. Instead, Judge Brumbach intends to use these subpoenas as subpoenas duces tecum.
- 20. Given at the rules of civil procedure do not "govern" in these proceedings, Judge Brumbach seeks this Court's permission to issue the attached subpoena duces tecum without complying with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure regarding subpoenas. See In re Lokuta, 964 A.2d 988, 1113 n.44 (Pa. C.J.D. 2008) ("We are careful to note that while the Rules of Civil Procedure do not govern procedure in this Court, they are often promulgated to deal with questions we face. In such cases we do not hesitate to refer to them for guidance") (emphasis in original).
- 21. Judge Brumbach proposes that she cross-out portions of the first section of the subpoena relating to testimony and fill-in only the section relating to the production of documents. See Ex. A.

- 22. Given the Board's failure to produce all records responsive to Judge Brumbach's discovery requests, Judge Brumbach will be severely prejudiced if she is not able to obtain this discovery from these third parties.
- 23. As an example, relating to Judges Dugan and Pittman, the Board has produced text messages between the two on January 6 and from January 9-12, 2022.
- 24. Curiously omitted, however, were the text messages exchanged between the two from January 6 through January 9.
- 25. Thus, the subpoena seeks those missing texts, as well as any other texts that the two sent regarding this matter.
- 26. Moreover, given their supervisory roles in Traffic Court, the subpoena seeks other court-related materials that are fundamental—and potentially exculpatory—to Judge Brumbach's defense.
- 27. As it relates to the First Judicial District, Judge Brumbach seeks various court related materials that are likewise fundamental—and potentially exculpatory—to Judge Brumbach's Defense.
- 28. Judge Brumbach therefore asks this Court to permit her to issue three subpoena duces tecum, identical to those attached herein, to Judge Dugan, Judge Pittman, and the First Judicial District.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this Honorable Court grant Judge Brumbach's Motion to issue the attached subpoenas duces tecum.

Dated: April 18, 2023

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Matthew H. Haverstick, hereby certify that on April 18, 2023, I caused a true and correct copy of the attached Motion to Issue Subpoenas Duces Tecum to be served on the following via email:

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access*Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate

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- 9. In responding to these requests, produce the original and all non-identical copies of any responsive documents in your possession, custody, or control, regardless of a document's location, form, or manner of storage.
- 10. Documents requested herein shall be produced as they are kept in the usual course of business.
- Documents or data maintained electronically shall also be produced in both TIFF and native format with a load file that includes extracted metadata and relative file paths to native documents. Metadata for e-mail files shall include: to (recipient); from (author); cc; bcc; subject; text (e-mail body); sent date; received date; sent time; received time; file format (application or type); information associating the e-mail with its corresponding attachment(s); folder name; custodian. Metadata associated with native documents shall include, to the extent applicable, the custodian, author, file name, file size, file type (application), folder name (including available path information), date created, date last modified and

date last accessed. Images (such as TIFF or PDF documents) shall be produced with OCR data to enable full-text searching. Files created with PowerPoint, Excel, Numbers, or other such spreadsheet or presentation software shall be produced in native format.

- 12. Documents maintained in hardcopy shall be produced in TIFF format with corresponding OCR text, associated data identifying the beginning and ending bates numbers and, to the extent applicable, information associating document families or attachment ranges.
- 13. The file or other container in which a document is kept is deemed to be an integral part of the document and shall be produced with the document. If, for any reason, the container cannot be produced, copies of all labels or other identifying marks shall be produced with the document.
 - 14. Documents attached to each other shall not be separated.
- 15. Each document requested herein shall be produced in its entirety and without deletion or excisions, regardless of whether you consider the entire document to be relevant or responsive to this request. If you have redacted any portion of the document, stamp the word "redacted" on each page of the document that you have redacted. If any document covered by these requests contains a redaction, please furnish a list identifying each such document, and provide the following information with respect to each such document:
 - a. the reason(s) for the redaction;
 - b. the date of the document;
 - c. identification by name, job title, and the last known business and home addresses of each person who wrote, drafted, or

- assisted in the preparation of the document;
- d. identification by name, job title, and the last known business and home addresses of each person who received or has custody of the document or copies thereof;
- e. identification by name, job title, and the last known business and home addresses of each person who has viewed or had access to the document or copies thereof or to whom any portion of the contents has been communicated;
- f. a brief description of the nature, subject matter, and contents of the redaction;
- g. a statement of the facts that constitute the basis for any claim of privilege, work product or other grounds of non-disclosure; and
- h. the paragraph(s) of these requests to which the document is responsive.
- 16. If any document requested herein is withheld from production, please furnish a list identifying each such document and providing the following information with respect to each such document:
 - a. the reason(s) for withholding the document;
 - b. the date of the document;
 - c. identification by name, job title, and the last known business and home addresses of each person who wrote, drafted, or assisted in the preparation of the document;
 - d. identification by name, job title, and the last known business and home addresses of each person who received or has custody of the document or copies thereof;
 - e. identification by name, job title, and the last known business and home addresses of each person who has viewed or had access to the document or copies thereof or to whom any portion of the contents has been communicated;
 - f. a brief description of the nature, subject matter, and contents of the document:
 - g. a statement of the facts that constitute the basis for any claim of privilege, work product, or other grounds of non-disclosure; and

- h. the paragraph(s) of these requests to which the document is responsive.
- 17. Documents not otherwise responsive to this discovery request shall be produced if such documents mention, discuss, refer to, or explain the documents which are called for by this discovery request or constitute routing slips, transmittal memoranda, or letters, comments, evaluations, or similar materials.
- 18. If there are no documents responsive to a particular request, state so in writing.
- 19. Documents requested herein shall be produced as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or shall be organized and labeled to correspond with the request to which they are responsive and with information indicating their source, i.e., the person(s) from whom the documents were obtained.
- 20. If you perceive any ambiguities when construing a request, explain the ambiguity and the construction used in responding.
- 21. Unless otherwise specified, the relevant time period for each request is November 10, 2021 through the present date.

DOCUMENT REQUESTS

- 1. From January 1, 2022 to present, any communications and/or documents of any Municipal Court judges and/or employees regarding Judge Brumbach and the action docketed in the Court of Judicial Discipline at 2 JD 2022.
- 2. From January 1, 2022 to present, any communications and/or documents of any Municipal Court judges and/or employees regarding the plan outlined in Judge Brumbach's January 6, 2022 email to President Judge Dugan.
- 3. Daily, monthly, and yearly itemized disposition reports for Traffic Court B Court for last three years.
- 4. Any paper citations in Traffic Court from B Court for open matters awaiting adjudication, in any posture, which contain any markings on the back of the citations, scribble or notations appearing like a judge's signature.
- 5. Copies of all paper citations from B Court and the electronic docket entries for each citation listed on January 10, 2022.
- 6. Any instructional guides, handbooks on operations and duties and procedure for Traffic Court's Court Cryers and the Office of Judicial Records Criminal Division Court Clerks of Traffic Court.
- 7. Any instructional guides, user manual, handbooks on operations and procedure for Traffic Court's comprehensive electronic filing system.
- 8. All presentations, course materials, outlines, documents, bench-books or other information made available or provided to Judges or Personnel of the FJC by the Municipal Court, the Minor Judiciary Education Board or other body of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court or the Unified Judicial System regarding Traffic Court, it's processes, procedure and rules of court.
- 9. Copies of the certified record of conviction/adjudication and corresponding certified dockets for each citation subject to the Board's Complaint.
- 10. Certified copies of the disposition report under Pa. R. Crim. P. 471, from the case management system sent to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation upon adjudication for each citation subject to the Board's Complaint.
- 11. All electronic records, official certified record or electronic Dockets as it relates to the citations listed on January 7, 2022, in B Court from inception to final judgment recorded, docketed and entered into the electronic court record management system used in the Philadelphia Municipal Court, Traffic Division by the Court Clerk.

- 12. All instructional guides, handbooks on operations and duties and procedure for Traffic Court's Court Cryers, Traffic Court's Appeals Unit personnel, Traffic Court's Files Room personnel and data entry clerk's into the court dockets, the Office of Judicial Records Criminal Division Court Clerks of Traffic Court.
- 13. All instructional guides, user manual, handbooks, etc. relating to Common Pleas Court Appeal's Unit relating to docketing, operations and processing Summary Appeals from Traffic Court as well as appeals from traffic citation *de novo* trials to the Superior Court.
- 14. All instructional guides, user manual, handbooks, etc relating to operations and procedure for Traffic Court's comprehensive electronic filing system.
- 15. All instructional guides, user manual, handbooks, etc relating to operations and procedure for Traffic Court's comprehensive Public Access Docketing system.
- 16. List all matters appealed to Common Pleas Court and/or Superior Court from cases originating from B Court over the last 4 years.
 - 17. List of required contents of the Traffic Court paper files for B Court.