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Judge Sonya M. McKnight	:	
Magisterial District Judge	:	No. 1 JD 2021
Magisterial District 12-2-04	:	No. 2 JD 2023
12 th Judicial District	:	
Dauphin County	:	

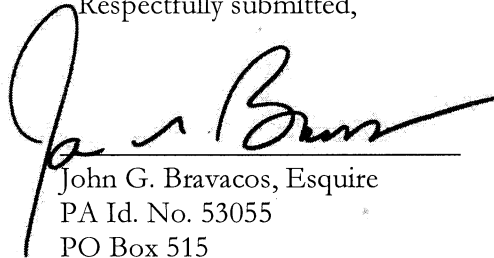
Motion for Deferral of Disposition
Pursuant to C.J.D.R.P. No. 422

Judge Sonya McKnight, by and through her undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this Motion for Deferral of Disposition, and in support thereof avers the following:

1. On February 10, 2024, Judge McKnight was charged with two first degree felonies.
2. On February 22, 2024, the Board served a Notice of Full Investigation concerning the facts and circumstances of the of those felony charges.
3. The Judge is scheduled for formal arraignment in the criminal matter on May 3, 2024, and is awaiting trial.
4. C.J.D.R.P. No. 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 his or her judicial office, or for other good cause.”
5. Based on the Board’s current Full Investigation that has not yet been reduced to a complaint, and the Judge’s upcoming criminal trial, good cause exists to defer the disposition of this matter until the resolution of that criminal trial.

WHEREFORE, Judge McKnight prays this Honorable Court to stay these proceeding pending final disposition of the current criminal matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Bravacos", written over a horizontal line.

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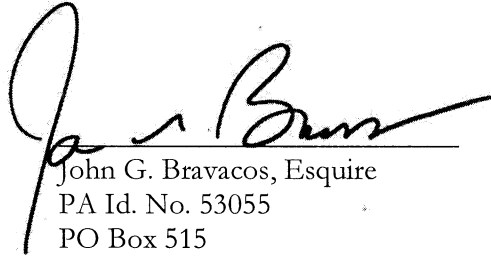
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VERIFICATION

I, John Bravacos, counsel to Judge McKnight, verify that the statements in this Motion for Deferral of Disposition are made subject to the penalties of 18 P.A.C.S.A. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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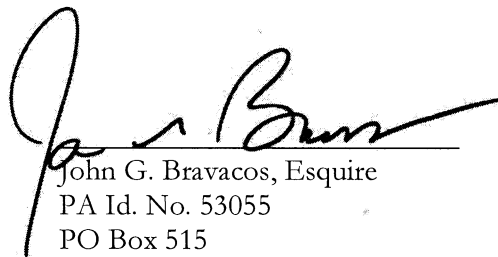
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Proof of Service

In compliance with Rule 122 of the Court of Judicial Discipline Rules of Procedure, on the date below, a copy of this Motion for Deferral of Disposition was sent by overnight mail, and email to:

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