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**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COURT OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**

IN RE:

Michael Fanning
Court of Common Pleas
First Judicial District
Philadelphia County

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**JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD'S RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S PETITION FOR
RELIEF IN THE NATURE OF A PETITION TO VACATE THIS COURT'S ORDER
FOR INTERIM SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY**

AND NOW, this 22nd day of July, 2026, comes the Judicial Conduct Board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Board), by and through undersigned counsel, and files this Response to Respondent's Petition for Relief in the Nature of a Petition to Vacate this Court's Order for Interim Suspension Without Pay and, in support thereof, avers the following:

1. Admitted.
2. Admitted.
3. Admitted.
4. Admitted.
5. Admitted.
6. Admitted. This is an accurate restatement of Article V, §18(d)(2).
7. Admitted.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Article V, §18(d)(2), Rule 701 of the Court of Judicial Discipline Rules of Procedure, and Rule 13(A) of the Judicial Conduct Board Rules of Procedure, the Board is without a legal basis upon which to object to the requested relief.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Norton
Chief Counsel

DATE: July 22, 2026

BY:

 (for)

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VERIFICATION

I, Elizabeth A. Hoffheins, Deputy Counsel to the Judicial Conduct Board, verify that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that the statements made in this petition are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904, regarding unsworn falsification to authorities.

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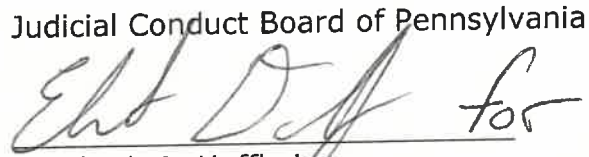
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

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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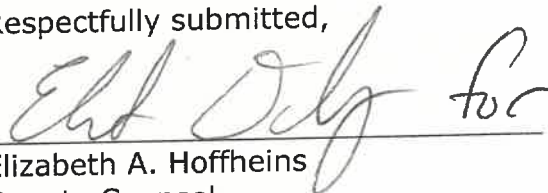
PROOF OF SERVICE

In compliance with Rule 122 of the Court of Judicial Discipline Rules of Procedure, on July 22, 2026, a copy of the foregoing Response to Respondent's Petition for Relief in the Nature of a Petition to Vacate this Court's Order for Interim Suspension Without Pay was served via Email and First Class Mail to Judge Fanning's counsel at the following address:

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