

# STATE OF FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

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## **COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE**

**INSTRUCTIONS**: This form is designed to prove the Commission with the information required to make an initial evaluation of your complaint and to begin any necessary inquiry or investigation into your allegations.

Please print or type your information onto this form. Any materials or documents that you provide to the Commission will become part of the Commission's files, and will not be returned or copied to you. The Commission will contact you if additional information or materials are needed.

After you complete this form, please sign and date the certification page, and mail it, along with any attachments, to <u>Post Office Box 14106</u>. <u>Tallahassee</u>. <u>Florida 32317</u>. Please be aware that the Commission cannot accept complaints by fax, email, or telephone. You will receive an acknowledgement letter when the Commission has received your complaint. The Commission meets approximately every six weeks, and reviews complaints on a first-come-first-served basis. You will be notified in writing of the outcome of your complaint, subject to the limits of confidentiality.

IMPORTANT: The Judicial Qualifications Commission has no authority to review, reverse, or modify a judge's decision or order, and cannot intervene in any way in a court case. Similarly, the Commission does not have the authority to remove a judge from your case. Commission staff is not permitted to provide you with any legal advice or opinions.

The Commission has jurisdiction over Justices of the Florida Supreme Court, and Judges of the District Courts of Appeal, County Courts, and Circuit Courts. The Commission does <u>not</u> have jurisdiction over special masters, magistrates, hearing officers (including: traffic hearing officers, worker's compensation hearing officers), administrative law judges, or federal judges.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION (Please print legibly):
Name: Angela Acord Bentrim  Phone Number:
Mailing Address:
City, State, Zip Code: Loxahatchee, FL 33470
JUDGE'S INFORMATION:
Judge's Name: Renatha Francis County: Palm Beach County
Address: 205 North Dixie Highway
City, State, Zip Code: W. Palm Beach, FL 33401

#### **CASE INFORMATION**

If your complaint involves a court case, please provide the following information.

Case Name: Bentrim v. Bentrim

Case Number (include all letters and numbers): #2007DR008773XXXXMBFC

County: Palm Beach

If you were represented by an attorney, please provide their contact information.

Attorney's Name: Limited - Ms. Downey

Address: 138 N. Swinton Ave

City, State 7in Code: Delray Bch, FL 33444

Phone:

### WITNESS INFORMATION

In this section, provide the names and contact information for any other persons who may have witnessed the improper conduct. (Attach additional sheets if necessary).

1. Name: Ms. Downey
Relationship to case: Limited Lawyer
Phone number:

2. Name: Roxanne Eadie
Relationship to case: Court Watcher
Phone: Phone:

## **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS**

Attach copies of any relevant documents which you believe support your claim that the judge has engaged in judicial misconduct or has a disability. Please do not staple or bind documents. Retain the originals or copies of any documents submitted. All submitted materials become property of the Commission and will not be returned.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

Please provide, in as much detail as possible, the information you believe constitutes judicial misconduct or disability. Include names, dates, places, addresses, and telephone numbers which may assist the Commission. Attach additional pages as necessary.

- 1). Attached is Exhibit #1: ANGELA BENTRIM 'S AFFIDAVIT OF NONSERVICE OF COURT ORDERS, with Exhibits attached.
- a. Judge Francis's ORDER directs me to "withdraw the email as a means of service" by following "the proper procedure through the Clerk of the Circuit Court".
- b. I complied; I used "proper procedure" and emails were deleted and my notice accepted and filed according to the attached signed directive order.
- c. Orders and notices are NOT being MAILED to me though the Judge has my ADDRESS and is aware my emails were withdrawn/deleted.
- 2). Attached is Exhibit #2: NOTICE OF COUNSEL'S NON-REPRESENTATION AND NON-SERVICE ON FORMER WIFE OF ATTACHED ORDER AND COPY TO PALM BEACH COUNTY CLERK OF COUR dated August 20, 2021, showing a violation of due process of Law and myFormer Husbands Motion are not served on me. This is evidence I am not being properly SERVED orders or motions. I was told Judge Francis has now sanctioned me but she NEVER served me an order. This is judicial misconduct.
- 3). Attached is Exhibit #3 Partial Transcript of July 22, 2021 Case Management Hearing and evidence of CONTRADICTORY/BI-POLAR RULINGS.
- a. I filed a PRO SE OBJECTION to ZOOM evidence hearings Exhibit #4 and she said not to worry, but she CONTINUES to have evidentiary hearings on Zoom.
  - "We're not doing any evidentiary hearings, especially when one party is objecting, via zoom... everything is going to be in person" see transcript pages 7 and 28, 29.
- b. She set a 3 day JURY TRIAL for 12.6 to 8, 2021 (transcript page 44) and ONE month later DENIED ME MY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL! My limited lawyer provided me a copy of her August 19, 2021 "Sua Sponte Order on Former Wife Request for a Jury Trial on Former Husbands Petition for Modification" without a hearing! See Exhibit #5!
- 4). JUDGE FRANCIS REFUSES TO HEAR A DISQUALIFICATION MOTION OF ATTORNEY LEWIS for his 11-3-2021 PERJURY before the TRIAL.
- a. After a November 3, 2021 hearing, my limited lawyer Ms. Downey objected to Attorney Lewis being a fact witness and my ex-husband's lawyer. On 11/4/21 she sent a Verified Motion to Disqualify him (Exhibit #6) with proof of his perjury (false claims of not being served hearing notices for 3.16 and 3.17). This motion is a priority yet Judge Francis cancelled the 11/10/21 hearing on it and refuses to rule before the Trial.
- b. Attached is an AFFIDAVIT of a Volunteer Court Watch Observer; Exhibit #7 who observed the hearing and ignoring disqualifying him as a witness under Rule 4-3.7.
- c. She holds EXPARTE HEARINGS on my unnoticed Motions, invites Attorney Lewis and I'm told entered exparte Orders; but she didn't hear my ex-husband's unnoticed motions she set aside for November 2 and 3, 2021. See transcript page 41.

I sincerely believe she is retaliating against me for filing two Petitions for Prohibition!

IN FILING THIS COMPLAINT, I UNDERSTAND THAT FLORIDA LAW REQUIRES THAT COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE COMMISSION MUST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL, AND THAT ALL INQUIRIES BEFORE THE COMMISSION ARE CONFIDENTIAL, UNLESS AND UNTIL PROBABLE CAUSE IS DETERMINED AND FORMAL CHARGES ARE FILED.

UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY, I declare that I have read and understand this complaint form, and the above information is true, correct, complete, and submitted of my own free will.

Date

One Complainant's Signature

Please note that the Commission only has authority to investigate allegations of judicial misconduct or permanent disability by persons holding state judicial positions. The Commission has no jurisdiction over, and does not consider complaints against, Federal Judges, magistrates, law enforcement, clerks, court personnel, attorneys, etc.

The Commission does not act as an appellate court and cannot review, reverse or modify a decision or ruling made by a judge in the course of a court proceeding.

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