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**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

DOCKET NO: ACJC 2019-189

IN THE MATTER OF

BERNICE TOLEDO,
FORMER SURROGATE

AFFIDAVIT OF CONSENT
R. 2:15-15A(b)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COUNTY OF PASSAIC

1. I am the named Respondent in this matter.
2. I have read the Stipulation of Discipline by Consent and agree with the facts set forth therein. The facts so alleged are true to the best of my knowledge.
3. I agree with Disciplinary Counsel's / Presenter's conclusion regarding my violations of the following Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct:

Canon 1, Rule 1.1, which requires jurists to observe high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the Judiciary may be preserved;

Canon 2, Rule 2.1, which requires jurists to promote public confidence in the independence, integrity and impartiality of the judiciary;

Canon 2, Rule 2.2, which requires judges to decide cases according to the law and facts, and to not permit personal relationships or interests to influence their judicial conduct or judgment;

Canon 2, Rule 2.3(A), which requires judges to avoid lending the prestige of judicial office to advance the personal or economic interests of the judge or others;

Canon 3, Rule 3.17 (B), which requires judges to disqualify themselves in proceedings in which their impartiality or the appearance of impartiality might reasonably be questioned; and

Rule 1:12-1(g), which requires judges to disqualify themselves in proceedings in which there exists any reason that might preclude a fair and unbiased hearing and judgment, or which might reasonably lead counsel or the parties to believe so.

4. I freely and voluntarily consent to the proposed range of discipline of a public reprimand to public censure with a permanent bar to holding future judicial office.

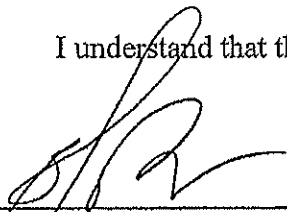
5. I know that I have the right to consult with counsel prior to executing this agreement, and I understand that, if I have not done so, I hereby waive that right by executing this agreement.

6. I am currently not under any disability, mental or physical, nor under the influence of any medication, intoxicants or other substances that would impair my ability to knowingly and voluntarily execute the Stipulation of Discipline by Consent.

7. My consent is freely and voluntarily given and no person in the disciplinary system or otherwise has subjected me to coercion or duress.

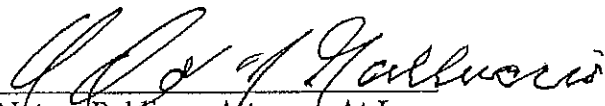
8. The implications of submitting this consent are fully known to me.

9. I understand that this document will become a public record.



BERNICE TOLEDO
Respondent

Sworn and subscribed to
before me this 13 day
of November, 2022.



Notary Public or Attorney-At-Law,
The State of New Jersey