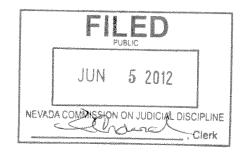
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CASE NO. 1203 -324

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

STATE OF NEVADA

12 In The Matter of the

HONORABLE VALERIE VEGA,
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,

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County of Clark,
State of Nevada,

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FORMAL STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Respondent.

COMES NOW Mary E. Boetsch, prosecuting attorney herein for the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline of the State of Nevada, in the name of and by the authority of the Commission on Judicial Discipline, and herein informs the above-named Respondent, the Honorable Valerie Vega, who was at all times relevant to these charges District Court Judge, Eighth Judicial District, County of Clark, State of Nevada, that the following

acts were committed by you and warrant disciplinary action by the Commission under the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct.

COUNT ONE

- 1. That at all times relevant hereto, you were the District Court Judge assigned to Department Two of the Eighth Judicial District Court of Clark County, Nevada.
- 2. That in that capacity you presided over the trial of Victor O. Fakoya, Case Number 08-C-249790, an individual charged with First Degree Murder in the death of a child; that this trial ended on or about March 10, 2010, with a mistrial due to a hung jury.
- 3. That you thereafter presided over the retrial of Mr. Fakoya, who remained in custody during the pendency of these charges; that the retrial began on or about November 8, 2010; and ended with a jury acquittal on or about December 17, 2010.
- 4. That in the course of the retrial, you required the jury, the attorneys and staff to conduct proceedings for a continuous period of time from approximately 1:12 p.m. on December 16, 2010 until the jury returned with its verdict at approximately 6:57 a.m. December 17, 2010; that you did so to accommodate your personal schedule.
- 5. That your conduct as described herein constitutes violations of Rules 2.1, 2.5(A), and 2.8, or any combination of these Rules, of the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct.

COUNT TWO

- 6. That the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 5 are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 7. That during the course of the retrial of Case Number 08-C-249790 described herein, you recessed court in the early afternoon on approximately six (6) occasions; specifically, on or about November 29, December 1, December 6, December 8, December 13 and December 15, 2010; that you did so to enable you to attend your daughter's high school soccer games.
- 8. That your conduct as described herein constitutes violations of Rules 2.1, 2.5(A), and 2.8, or any combination of these Rules, of the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct.

COUNT THREE

- 9. That the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 8 are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 10. That during the first trial of Victor A. Fakoya, Case Number 08-C-249790, the prosecution called as an expert witness Dr. Omalu, an out-of-state expert witness.
- 11. That during the retrial of Victor A. Fakoya, Case Number 08-C-249790, described herein, on or about December 6, 2010 the prosecution again Called Dr. Omalu as an expert witness; that Dr. Omalu had not finished his testimony on that

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date prior to the time you had scheduled an early recess so that you could attend a soccer game of your daughter; that despite the request from the State to continue hearing evidence on that date so that Dr. Omalu witness could finish his testimony that day and return to his out-of-state home base, you refused to do so.

- 12. That your refusal to do so necessitated the return of Dr. Omalu to Las Vegas the following day to complete his testimony, resulting in increased expenses and expert fees to Clark County, as well as inconvenience to Dr. Omalu.
- 13. That your conduct as described herein constitutes violations of Rules 2.1, 2.5(a) and 2.8, or any combination of these Rules, of the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct.

DATED this 5th day of June 2012.

Mary E Boetsch, Esq. Special Prosecutor for The Nevada Commission On Judicial Discipline

STATE OF NEVADA 1)ss. COUNTY OF WASHOE 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Judicial Discipline. 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 Subscribed and Sworn to before me by Mary E. Boetsch this 20 day of June 21 NOTARY PUBLIC 22 23 MONIQUE L. MEINERT 24 Notary Public - State of Nevada Appointment Recorded in Washoe County 25 No: 93-0662-2 - Expires May 2, 2013

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MARY E. BOETSCH, ESQ., being first duly sworn on oath, according to law, hereby avers on penalty of perjury: That your affiant is an attorney duly licensed in the State of Nevada, and has been retained in the capacity of Special Prosecutor by the State of Nevada Commission That your affiant has prepared and reviewed the foregoing FORMAL STATEMENT OF CHARGES against the Honorable VALERIE J. VEGA, and upon information and belief and following reasonable inquiry, your affiant believes the contents against Respondent to be true and accurate. FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT