# BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION STATE OF GEORGIA

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In re: Inquiry Concerning Judge Lynwood Jordan

Complaint No. 2020-205

## <u>Report of Disposition Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-21(k)(1) and Rule 11(A) of</u> <u>the Rules of the Judicial Qualifications Commission</u>

This matter originated before the Judicial Qualifications Commission (hereinafter, "JQC") Investigative Panel with a complaint concerning allegations of judicial misconduct on the part of Forsyth County Probate Judge Lynwood Jordan. The Investigative Panel commenced an investigation into the allegations of judicial misconduct, including:

 Whether Judge Jordan engaged in behavior toward employees that constituted harassment based upon gender and/or sex, and thus violated Rules 1.2 (A) and 2.3 (B) of the Code of Judicial Conduct;

During its investigation, the JQC Investigative Panel was notified that Judge Jordan would be letting his current term as Probate Judge expire and would be leaving office on December 31, 2020. Subsequently, the JQC Investigative Panel and Judge Jordan mutually agreed upon a disposition of Complaint 2020-205 pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-21(k)(1) and JQC Rule 11 (A). The disposition and agreement between the JQC Investigative Panel and Judge Jordan, in which Judge Jordan agreed not to seek judicial office in the future in light of the JQC investigation, is set forth in the Consent Agreement dated November 12, 2020, which is attached to this filing (see Exhibit 1).

This Report of Disposition is submitted for filing in the public records of the Supreme Court of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-21(k)(1) and JQC Rule 11 (A).

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2020.

Charles P. Boring, Director Judicial Qualifications Commission 1995 North Park Place SE, Suite 570 Atlanta, GA 30339 cboring@gajqc.gov Georgia Bar Number: 065131

# EXHIBIT 1

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#### CONSENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to the Rules of the Judicial Qualifications Commission (hereinafter, "JQC"), the JQC Investigative Panel and Probate Judge Lynwood Jordan hereby resolve the above-styled matter as follows:

- Judge Jordan's term as Probate Judge of Forsyth County expires on December 31, 2020. Judge Jordan did not seek re-election to the position of Probate Judge of Forsyth County.
- 2. Judge Jordan will not seek, request, or accept an elected or appointed judicial office in the future. Judge Jordan will also not seek appointment as a senior judge on any court. This prohibition is effective immediately and carries forward permanently.
- 3. After the signing of this Consent Agreement, the Commission will file this Agreement with the Supreme Court of Georgia, along with the *Report to the Supreme Court of Georgia* pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-21(k)(1) and

JQC Rule 11 (A). This Consent Agreement resolves any complaints or

charges in the above-styled matter as provided herein.

Respectfully submitted this  $12^{-12}$  day of November, 2020.

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Consented and agreed to by:

Judge Lynwood Jordan Probate Court of Forsyth County

Ken Jarrard (Attorney for Judge Jordan) 222 Webb Street Cumming, GA 30040 **Phone:** 678-455-7150

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to Judicial Qualifications Commission Rule 13, the Director certifies that he has this day served the following:

#### **Consent Agreement**

by placing a true and correct copy of the same in the United States mail in an envelope properly addressed with adequate postage thereon to ensure delivery upon the following:

> Ken Jarrard 222 Webb Street Cumming, GA 30040

This 16 day of Noucher , 2020.

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## **Report of Disposition**

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