

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,  
THE HONORABLE JACQUELINE SCHWARTZ  
No. 14-299 and 14-415

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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF DISCIPLINE

The Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission (the "JQC") served a Notice of Investigation on Miami-Dade County Judge Jacqueline Schwartz, pursuant to Rule 6(b) of the Florida Judicial Qualification Commission Rules.

The Investigative Panel of the Commission has now entered into a Stipulation with Judge Schwartz in which the judge admits that her conduct, including using profanity and threatening to sue a storeowner who would not display her campaign sign, and removing from the court file, original documents containing her notes and notations that had been previously filed, was inappropriate. This conduct violated Canons 1, 2, 3B(8), 4A(2), 4A(3), and 7A(3)(b) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, as set forth in the Stipulation submitted herewith.

Judge Schwartz has admitted the foregoing, accepts full responsibility, and acknowledges that such conduct should not have occurred.

The Judicial Qualifications Commission has concluded that the judge's obscene remarks, discourteous behavior, and improper removal of official court documents, undermined the judge's integrity, and demeaned the judicial office she holds. Accordingly, the Commission therefore finds and recommends that in the interests of justice, the public welfare and sound juridical administration will be well served by a public reprimand of Judge Schwartz, and a letter of apology from Judge Schwartz to Mr. Hussain.

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Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

**INVESTIGATIVE PANEL OF THE  
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