

IN THE \* JUDICIAL DISABILITIES  
MATTER OF \* CASE: CJD 2015-033  
JUDGE WILLIAM O. CARR \*

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**PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO  
CHARGES BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES**

**NOW COMES** the Respondent, William O. Carr, and states in response to the Charges/Complaint of the Judicial Advisory Board dated May 12, 2016 as follows:

- (1) The Respondent denies engaging in any conduct or activity which is in violation of the Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct.
- (2) The Petition is defective in that it fails to allege or set forth specific facts that show that the Respondent took any action either directly or indirectly to delay or impair the disposition of the cases that are the subject of this Complaint.
- (3) The Petition is defective in that it fails to set forth any fact that the Respondent had personal knowledge of the status of these cases that are the subject of this Charges/Complaint but simply relies on the fact that he was the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Harford County during the period of time in question.
- (4) Under the facts of these cases and the procedural history, the Commission on Judicial Disabilities is devoid of any jurisdiction to act in these matters.
- (5) There are insufficient facts contained in the Charges/Complaint to warrant any action by the Commission.
- (6) That the reference in the Charges/Complaint to past complaints against the Respondent should be stricken from the charging document as they are prejudicial and irrelevant to the proper disposition of this case.

For the reasons set forth above, the Respondent respectfully requests that:

- (1) the Charges/Complaint be dismissed;
- (2) the Commission on Judicial Disabilities take no action in this case; and
- (3) grant the Respondent such other and further relief as his cause may require.

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**WILLIAM O. CARR, Judge**  
**Circuit Court for Harford County**  
**20 W. Courtland Street**  
**Bel Air, MD 21014**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016, a copy of the Preliminary Responses to Charges before the Commission on Judicial Disabilities was mailed first class mail, postage prepaid to Carol A. Crawford, Executive Director/Investigative Counsel, and Gary J. Kolb, Executive Secretary, State of Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities, P.O. Box 340, Linthicum Heights, Maryland 21090-0340.

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**WILLIAM O. CARR**  
Judge