

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF
JUDGE JOSEPH L. WRIGHT

CJD 2016-148

Respondent.

RESPONDENT'S RESPONSE TO CHARGES

COMES NOW, Judge Joseph Wright, by counsel, and files this response under Md. Rule 18-407(c) to charges filed in the above captioned case, and states for cause as follows:

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

This complaint has already been resolved by an enforceable agreement, and Respondent is filing a motion to dismiss based on the existence of an enforceable settlement agreement between the parties.

FURTHER ANSWER AND RESPONSE

1. Admitted.
2. Admitted.
3. Respondent lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations in paragraph 3.

To the extent an answer is required, denied.

4. Denied.
5. Respondent admits that the quoted Rules appear in the Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct. Respondent denies violating the Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct. The remaining allegations are denied.

6. Respondent lacks sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations regarding what information was revealed during the investigation. Respondent admits that he completed and

submitted an application to be considered for nomination as a Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Respondent further admits completing a Confidential Personal Data Questionnaire. Respondent denies making a "knowingly and deliberately . . . material misrepresentation of fact in the Confidential Personal Data Questionnaire." Respondent denies that, during a telephone conversation on September 26, 2016, he "confirmed that he made these misrepresentations on the Confidential Personal Data Questionnaire." The remaining allegations are denied.

7. Denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of April, 2018, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was sent via first class mail to:

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