

**BEFORE THE  
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

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**IN RE: JUDGE TOMMY L. HENRY  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2  
AND  
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE  
ANAHUAC, CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS  
(CJC Nos. 02-0998-JP and 03-0247-MU)**

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**VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO RESIGN FROM  
JUDICIAL OFFICE IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

This Agreement is being entered into by the undersigned parties pursuant to §§33.001(b) and 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code.

**WHEREAS** on November 22, 2002, a complaint was filed with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (hereinafter the "Commission") containing allegations of judicial misconduct against Judge Tommy L. Henry, Municipal Court Judge, Anahuac, Chambers County, Texas, regarding his failure to comply with mandatory judicial educational requirements for fiscal year 2002 (CJC 03-0247-MU).

**WHEREAS** on August 13, 2002, a complaint was filed with the Commission containing allegations of judicial misconduct against Judge Henry, regarding his failure to comply with certain rules of procedure in a traffic case and to treat the defendant with courtesy and dignity (CJC 02-0998 JP).

**WHEREAS** on or about January 10, 2003, in connection with the above-referenced matter, the Commission received an affidavit (hereinafter the "January 10, 2003 Sworn Complaint") from Hope Lochridge, the Executive Director of the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, confirming the allegations of misconduct raised in the complaint referenced above as CJC 03-0247-MU (a true and correct copy of the January 10, 2003 Sworn Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A), and

**WHEREAS** on or about February 24, 2003, the Commission notified Judge Henry that a suspension hearing would be held on April 10, 2003 at the Commission offices in Austin, Texas, regarding CJC No. 03-0247-MU, and

**WHEREAS** on or about April 7, 2003, Judge Henry notified the Commission that he would be unable to attend the suspension hearing, and

**WHEREAS** the Commission has not recommended to the Supreme Court of Texas that Judge Henry be suspended, pursuant to Article 5, §1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution and Rule 15(b) of the Procedural Rules for the Removal or Retirement of Judges, and

**WHEREAS** no Notice of Formal Proceedings has been filed by the Examiner against Judge Henry in connection with the above-referenced matter, and

**WHEREAS** no Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law have been made in connection with the above-referenced matter, and

WHEREAS the parties agree that the allegations of judicial misconduct, if found to be true, would result in further disciplinary action against Judge Henry, and

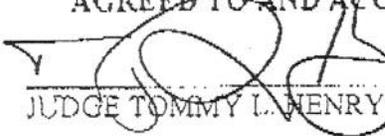
WHEREAS the parties to this Agreement are desirous of resolving these matters without the time and expense of further disciplinary proceedings.

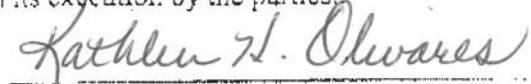
IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that Judge Henry, upon the signing of this Agreement, shall resign his judicial office in lieu of disciplinary action by the Commission, pursuant to §§33.001(b) and 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code. The Commission agrees that it shall pursue no further disciplinary proceedings against Judge Henry in connection with the above-referenced matters.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that, upon the Commission's approval of this Agreement, Judge Henry shall not be disqualified from future judicial service; sitting or serving as a judge in the State of Texas in the future; or standing for election or appointment to judicial office in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Commission may enforce this Agreement through any legal process necessary, including injunctive relief; that, Travis County, Texas, shall be the proper venue for any dispute between the parties or proceeding relating to this Agreement; and that Judge Henry, individually, shall bear the expense, cost, and any reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees in the event any dispute arising under this Agreement is decided against her by any court or tribunal.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED upon its execution by the parties.

  
JUDGE TOMMY L. HENRY

  
KATHLEEN H. OLIVARES, Chair  
State Commission on Judicial Conduct

Date: 8 APRIL 03

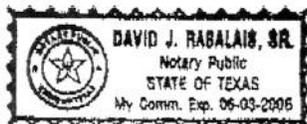
Date: April 23, 2003

VERIFICATION

State of Texas §  
§  
County of CHAMBERS §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared TOMMY L. HENRY who by me being first duly sworn, on her oath deposed and said that the above "Voluntary Agreement to Resign from Judicial Office in Lieu of Disciplinary Action" is a true and correct recitation of the facts and accurately reflects her understanding of the terms and conditions of, and voluntary consent to enter into, such Agreement.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.



  
NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR THE  
STATE OF TEXAS

AFFIDAVIT OF HOPE LOCHRIDGE

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS       §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Hope Lochridge and upon her oath duly sworn testified as follows:

“I am over the age of 18, have never been convicted of a felony and have personal knowledge of all facts stated herein.

I am the Executive Director for the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. As part of my duties, I ensure judges’ compliance with judicial education requirements under the Rules of Judicial Education promulgated by the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas, a copy of which is incorporated by reference and made a part of this affidavit.

Judge Tommy L. Henry, Municipal Court Judge of Anahuac, Chambers County, Texas, is not in compliance with Rule 4a(2) of the Rules of Judicial Education for fiscal year 2002.

Judge Tommy L. Henry completed   0   hours out of the 12 required hours of education for fiscal year 2002.

Judge Tommy L. Henry was not granted a waiver or other permission to relieve him of his educational requirements for fiscal year 2002.”

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

*Hope Lochridge*  
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Hope Lochridge  
Executive Director, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME, on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002.

*Lidia Ball*  
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Notary Public, State of Texas

