

IN RE CATHERINE CONNORS

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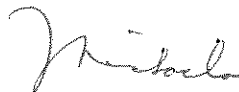
The undersigned was selected to serve as Hearing Officer in the above matter pursuant to the Order selecting Hearing Officer and Panel issued by the Chief Justice of the Superior Court and the Chief Judge of the District Court dated June 27, 2025. Having consulted with the parties, and with their agreement, I hereby direct pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules for the Committee on Judicial Conduct and for the Judicial Disciplinary Proceedings that this matter shall proceed as follows:

1. The parties shall confer and file an agreed-upon record and statement of facts in accordance with Rule 8(c) of the Rules for the Committee on Judicial Conduct and for Judicial Disciplinary Proceedings. Assuming that the parties are able to agree upon a record and a statement of facts, the parties shall then proceed to provide briefs for consideration by the Panel selected in the June 27, 2025 Order issued by Chief Justice of the Superior Court and the Chief Judge of the District Court pursuant to Rule 8(b) of the Rules for the Committee on Judicial Conduct and for Judicial Disciplinary Proceedings. The agreed-upon record and statement of facts referred to in this paragraph shall be filed by August 1, 2025, and must include a statement that the record is sufficient for the Panel to decide this matter.
2. If the parties are unable to file the agreed-upon record and statement of facts by August 1, 2025, they shall contact the undersigned Justice immediately so that a further conference can be scheduled to specify further proceedings consistent with Rule 8(c)(i) of the Rules for the Committee on Judicial Conduct and for Judicial Disciplinary Proceedings.
3. Assuming the parties have been able to agree upon an agreed-upon record and statement of facts, the parties shall provide briefing for consideration by the Panel as follows:
 - (a) The Committee on Judicial Conduct, having the burden of proof, shall file a brief on or before August 29, 2025.
 - (b) Justice Connors shall file a brief on or before September 26, 2025.
 - (c) The Committee on Judicial Responsibility may file a reply brief on or before October 10, 2025.
4. Following briefing, the Panel shall set the matter for oral argument at such date and time as it deems appropriate.

So ordered.

Dated: _____

July 15, 2025

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michaela", written over a horizontal line.

Hon. M. Michaela Murphy, Justice
Maine Superior Court and Hearing Officer
pursuant to the June 27, 2025 Order