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**BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

In Re the Matter of

The Honorable Darvin Zimmerman,
Former Judge of the Clark County
District Court

CJC No. 10260-F-193

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION
FOR STAY AND PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

Respondent Judge Darvin Zimmerman moved through his counsel, Josephine Townsend, for a stay of this disciplinary proceeding based on medical necessity. She orally represented to the Presiding Officer she had documentation in the form of six letters from medical providers supporting her motion. Ms. Townsend provided Disciplinary Counsel, Paul Taylor, with one letter from a medical provider, and requested that the letter be filed under seal. Mr. Taylor indicated by email dated May 4, 2023, that he did not object to the stay or the entry of a protective order, and he attached the letter from the medical provider to his email to the Commission.

Pursuant to my authority as Presiding Officer under the CJCRP, CJC Member Policy 4.3, and the Rules of Civil Procedure, I find there is good cause to warrant a stay of these proceedings. Pursuant to GR 15, Judge Zimmerman’s motion to seal the medical record dated April 25, 2023, is granted.

The disciplinary hearing set for May 30, 2023, is hereby continued to a date to be determined. A status hearing will take place on May 30, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to address a stipulated resolution or a process for assessing the viability of a contested hearing. Any stipulated resolution must be emailed to Commission Clerk Aimee Baldoz no later than May 30, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

If a proposed stipulation resolution is not presented at the May 30, 2023, hearing then, given the age of this case and the two continuances due to Respondent’s medical issues, we will

1 address how to undertake an independent and more thorough assessment of the viability and
2 timing of conducting a contested hearing. A schedule for addressing these issues will be
3 presented after the hearing. Further requests and motions in this matter based on medical records
4 or other documentation must be filed by the proponent of the motion directly to the Commission
5 addressed to Commission Clerk Aimee Baldoz. Any medical information, including underlying
6 documentation, will be considered by the Commission panel under seal.

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8 DATED this 9th day of May, 2023.

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11 Judge Michael Evans
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