

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

OF MARYLAND

JD No. 1

September Term, 2021

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONORABLE W.
LOUIS HENNESSY, JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR
CHARLES COUNTY, DISTRICT 4

Fader, C.J.
Watts
Hotten
Booth
Biran
Gould
Eaves,

JJ.

ORDER

Filed: June 16, 2022

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WHEREAS, the Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities, pursuant to Maryland Rule 18-435, referred to this Court its findings, the record, and its recommendation as to sanction in *In the Matter of the Honorable W. Louis Hennessy, Judge of the District Court of Maryland for Charles County, District 4*, Case No. CJD 2020-025, for the Court’s consideration pursuant to Maryland Rule 18-437, and

WHEREAS, Judge Hennessy has filed a Motion to Dismiss on the ground of mootness in light of his retirement from the bench, effective May 31, 2022,

WHEREAS, Judge Hennessy has requested that, in the alternative, he be granted an extension of time within which to file exceptions to the Commission’s findings of fact, conclusions of law, order, and recommendation,

WHEREAS, Judge Hennessy has stated in the motion to dismiss that he will not seek recall as a Senior Judge and that he has committed to not run for judicial office,

WHEREAS, the Commission has filed an opposition to the motion arguing that the matter is not moot and has requested that this Court deny the motion, deny the request for

an extension of time to file exceptions, decide this matter without a hearing, impose disposition in accord with Maryland Rule 18-437(f) and (g), and grant any further relief that may be warranted,

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals of Maryland finds that this matter is not moot, but that, in light of Judge Hennessy's retirement and representations not to seek recall as a Senior Judge or to run for judicial office, it is in the interest of justice to dismiss this matter *without prejudice*, it is this 16th day of June, 2022,

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, a majority concurring, that this matter is dismissed without prejudice.

/s/ Matthew J. Fader
Chief Judge