IN THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES

IN THE MATTER	*	CASE NOS.
OF	*	CJD 2013-138, CJD 2014-002
JUDGE WILLIAM O. CARR	*	CJD 2014-022, CJD 2014-089

TO: Judge William O. Carr, Chief Judge and County Administrative Judge, Circuit Court for Harford County, Maryland, 3rd Judicial Circuit

PRIVATE REPRIMAND

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities ("Commission") hereby issues a Private Reprimand to Judge William O. Carr ("Judge Carr"), pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-807(b), and for cause states as follows:

1. At all times relevant to this case, Judge Carr was, and is, the County Administrative Judge, Circuit Court of Maryland for Harford County, 3rd Judicial Circuit.

2. The Commission received Judge Carr's Cumulative Reports of All Reserved Civil Matters, Including Habeas Corpus, as of the Last Work Day of December 13, 2013, and complaints from individuals, including attorneys, that, collectively, assert that Judge Carr habitually failed to decide matters in a timely fashion.

3. In accordance with Maryland Rule 16-805, the Commission's Investigative Counsel undertook an investigation of the complaints against Judge Carr. The Commission's Judicial Inquiry Board ("Board") reviewed the Investigative Counsel's Memoranda, including recommendations, and filed with the Commission the Board Reports, including recommendations and numerous attachments.

4. Based upon the facts of the above-captioned cases, the Commission has concluded that Judge Carr committed sanctionable conduct, pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-803(k), by violating Rules 1.1, 1.2(a) & (b), and 2.5(a) of the Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct, Maryland Rule 16-813; that such sanctionable conduct warrants some form of discipline; that such conduct, although serious, was not so serious, offensive, or repeated as to warrant formal proceedings; and a Private Reprimand, with waiver of confidentiality pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-810(b)(1), given the available disposition options available to the Commission under the Maryland Rules, is the appropriate disposition under the circumstances.

5. Judge Carr agrees that the facts of the above-captioned cases support the Commission's conclusion that Judge Carr violated Rules 1.1, 1.2(a) & (b), and 2.5(a) of the Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct, Maryland Rule 16-813, thereby constituting sanctionable conduct, pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-803(k).

6. The Commission intends for this Private Reprimand to serve as a warning that any further such conduct by Judge Carr may result in possible future discipline. Upon the issuance of this Private Reprimand, with waiver of confidentiality pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-810(b)(1), attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, the Commission shall notify the complainants of that disposition, pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-807(b)(2).

7. Judge Carr, by his consent: (i) waives his right to a hearing before the Commission and subsequent proceedings before the Court of Appeals; (ii) waives his right to challenge the findings and conclusions that serve as the basis for this Private Reprimand; (iii) agrees that this Private Reprimand may be admitted in any subsequent disciplinary proceeding against him to the extent that it is relevant to the charges at issue or the sanction to be imposed; and (iv) waives his right to

confidentiality under Maryland Rule 16-810(a), as set forth in the attached Waiver of Confidentiality.

Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities

12/16/14
Date

By: [redacted]
The Honorable Alexander Wright, Jr., Chair

Agreed and Consented to:

12/15/2014
Date

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Judge William O. Carr