



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL**

December 19, 2018

**PUBLIC CENSURE**

**In Re: Complaint of Attorney Dale Clayton, dated June 4, 2018, against the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee**

On this date, December 19, 2018, the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, has acknowledged and agreed that there is sufficient evidence to sustain and prove the Judicial Review Council's Findings of Probable Cause regarding violations of the Judicial Code of Conduct and Connecticut General Statutes section 51-51(a) as set forth below, based on the Council's investigation and probable cause hearing into allegations of misconduct set forth in the complaint of Attorney Dale Clayton.

Further, the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, acknowledges that the Findings of Probable Cause warrant affirmative action by the Judicial Review Council in the form of a public censure.

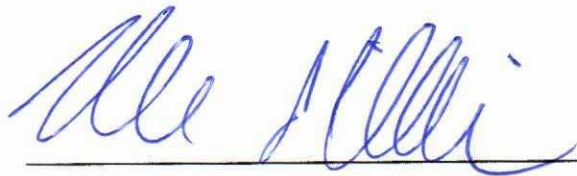
Specifically, Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, acknowledges that the evidence before the Judicial Review Council is sufficient to prove that he has committed the following violations:

- (1) A violation of Rule 1.2 and of General Statutes section 51-51i(a)(1), by speaking and acting in a manner which reflects adversely on his impartiality and his temperament;
- (2) A violation of Rule 2.8(b) and of General Statutes section 51-51i(a)(1); by speaking and acting in a manner that was undignified and discourteous, and that expressed exasperation and impatience; and
- (3) A violation of Rule 2.8 and General Statutes section 51-51i(a)(8) by acting in a discourteous and undignified manner, employing sarcasm and intimidation in his interactions with a lawyer and a witness.

The Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, has waived his right to litigate the Judicial Review Council's findings at a public hearing. Instead, through counsel, he has indicated a willingness to accept that his conduct, as set forth above, was not in accordance with the ethical standards for Connecticut Judges and Judge Trial Referees.

Accordingly, the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, is hereby publicly censured for the violations set forth above. The Judicial Review Council directs the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, to conduct himself in the future in accordance with the requirements of the Judicial Code of Conduct and the relevant Connecticut General Statutes, so as to prevent any recurrences of unethical conduct.

The Judicial Review Council has determined that this public censure constitutes adequate discipline in this matter. No further action is warranted at this time.



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Chairman, Judicial Review Council