

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
D-100 September Term 2018
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IN THE MATTER OF :
JOHN F. RUSSO, JR., :
A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT :
OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

FILED
JAN 28 2020
ORDER *Heather J. Sale*
CLERK

This matter having been opened to the Court on the filing of a presentment by the Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct recommending the suspension of Superior Court Judge John F. Russo, Jr., and the Court having reviewed the matter and having determined it is necessary under the circumstances to consider the full quantum of possible discipline, including removal from judicial office, pursuant to Rule 2:14 and N.J.S.A. 2B:2A-1 to -11, and good cause appearing;

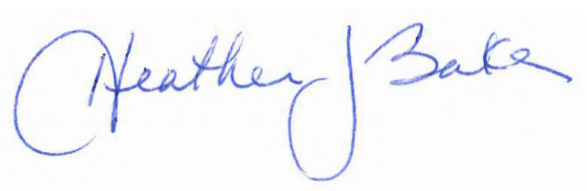
And the Court having instituted removal proceedings on July 17, 2019, by the filing of an order to show cause and a complaint for removal, and three judges of the Superior Court having been designated to sit as a panel and conduct a hearing and report to the Court the panel's findings, and the hearing

having been held and the panel having submitted its report to the Court on January 28, 2020, and the panel having found beyond a reasonable doubt that there is cause for respondent's removal from judicial office; it is hereby

ORDERED that respondent and the Attorney General shall file simultaneously with the Clerk an original and eight copies of their briefs addressing the panel's findings, and serving two copies on each other, on or before February 28, 2020, followed by simultaneous response briefs of the same number filed and served on or before March 13, 2020; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk shall schedule argument in this matter for the March 30-31, 2020, argument session.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 28th day of January, 2020.



CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT