



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
Case Nos. S21Z0595

January 6, 2021

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

INQUIRY CONCERNING JUDGE CHRISTIAN COOMER.

On January 5, 2021, the Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC) filed a consent motion pursuant to JQC Rule 15 (C) to suspend Judge Christian Coomer of the Court of Appeals of Georgia pending the final determination of the JQC proceeding against him. The motion attached as an exhibit the Formal Charges filed by the Director of the JQC against Judge Coomer on December 28, 2020, which allege 26 violations of the Georgia Code of Judicial Conduct. In the motion, the Investigative Panel represents that it can and is prepared to present verified evidence to this Court that the allegations in the Formal Charges are supported by evidence and show that Judge Coomer demonstrated a pattern of misconduct over the course of several years, so that his continued service on his court until the case against him is resolved poses a substantial threat of serious harm to the administration of justice, which is the standard set by Rule 15 (C) for an interim suspension. The motion further represents that Judge Coomer admits – conditionally and solely for the purposes of the motion – that the Director could prove that the allegations in the Formal Charges are supported by evidence and that Judge Coomer agrees that those allegations, if taken as true, warrant his interim suspension under the standard set forth in JQC Rule 15 (C).

The motion, its attached exhibit, and the representations made by the parties satisfy the standard for an interim suspension under JQC Rule 15 (C). Accordingly, this Court hereby suspends Judge Coomer with pay pending the final determination of the JQC's proceeding against him.

The previous motion to suspend filed by the Investigative Panel on December 29, 2020 is dismissed as moot.

Melton, C.J., Nahmias, P.J., and Boggs, Peterson, Warren, Bethel, Ellington, and McMillian, JJ., concur.

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Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

 , Clerk