

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE SIXTH CIRCUIT
MICHIGAN-OHIO-KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE**

In re:
Complaint of Judicial Misconduct

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* No. 06-13-90009
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ORDER

Final Judicial Council Order

This matter is before the Judicial Council of the Sixth Circuit regarding proceedings involving John R. Adams of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. In an order of February 22, 2016, the Judicial Council directed Judge Adams to undergo a mental health evaluation and found that Judge Adams had committed misconduct by refusing to undergo the evaluation as requested by the Special Investigating Committee. Judge Adams filed a lawsuit seeking to challenge those components of the Judicial Council’s 2016 order.

Since the filing of the lawsuit, the Judicial Council issued further orders on June 27, 2018 and June 27, 2019. In the June 2019 order, the Judicial Council “dismiss[ed] the complaint against Judge Adams, leaving in place the prior unchallenged components of the original misconduct order of February 22, 2016.” The Judicial Council stated that “the challenged requirements of the February 22, 2016 order, including the directive that Judge Adams undergo a mental health evaluation, are no longer in effect.”

The Judicial Council hereby vacates both the directive that Judge Adams undergo a mental health evaluation and the finding that Judge Adams committed misconduct by not undergoing a mental health evaluation. The other components of the 2016 order, which were not challenged through the lawsuit, remain in place.

/s/ Jeffrey S. Sutton
Chief Circuit Judge

Date: March 18, 2022