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September 7, 2021

Merrick Grutchfield, Program Administrator  
Professional Responsibility Program  
c/o Court Administrator's Office  
109 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05609-0703

**Re: In re William Cobb**  
**PRB File No. 2020-103; 2020-099**

Dear Merrick:

I am writing regarding the hearing notice that issued with a hearing date of October 15 for the above-referenced matter and to identify two problems I am hopeful can be easily resolved.

The first is that in the scheduling order that issued January 2, 2021, the parties requested and received scheduling for two days for this matter. This is because the parties expect the matter will require a two-day hearing. My own witness list and exhibit list filed June 15, 2021 lists thirteen witness and twenty exhibits. I will be unable to finish putting on my case for the charges in the petition of misconduct if the hearing is limited to one day. In addition, the Respondent's opportunity to put on any defense or mitigating evidence will be eliminated. As such, I respectfully request that the hearing notice be re-issued to include two days as originally scheduled.

Another problem is that the October 15 date issued without any opportunity for input from the parties regarding witness availability. When the date issued, I immediately contacted my witness list and it appears at least some will be available on that date. Other witnesses are not available on that date. I respectfully request that for the second day of the hearing, the panel provide some window of dates whereby the parties can be provided with some options to coordinate scheduling for the witnesses.

This is a public filing.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sarah Katz