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RE: Norman Watts, Esq. - Respondent
PRB Docket Nos. 2019-102 and 2020-011

Dear Hearing Panel:

The enclosed Petition of Misconduct was filed by Disciplinary Counsel on March 18, 2021. Respondent is required by A.O. 9, Rule 13.D(3) to file an answer within twenty days of service. This is now a public file.

This matter has been assigned to your hearing panel consistent with the rotation rule. See A.O. 9, Rule 13.D.(2). Your panel is now responsible for assuring that this matter proceed through hearing and that a decision issues promptly.

Since we are trying to go as paperless as possible, the documents are being provided to you in electronic format. All future correspondence or electronic filings I receive from the parties will be provided to you in electronic format. **The parties will be responsible to follow up with one paper copy for the case file.**

I will remain responsible for the docket as the Program Administrator of the Professional Responsibility Program. I need to receive from you copies of all correspondence, notices and orders that you may issue. I will assist you with the logistics of scheduling hearings and conference calls, arranging for hearing rooms, securing a court reporter, etc.

Very truly yours,



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