STATE OF NEW YORK COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In the Matter of the Proceeding Pursuant to Section 44, subdivision 4, of the Judiciary Law in Relation to

JAMES E. CHASE,

DECISION AND ORDER

a Justice of the Turin Town Court, Lewis County.

THE COMMISSION:

Honorable Thomas A. Klonick, Chair Honorable Terry Jane Ruderman., Vice Chair Honorable Rolando T. Acosta Joseph W. Belluck, Esq. Joel Cohen, Esq. Richard D. Emery, Esq. Paul B. Harding, Esq. Nina M. Moore Honorable Karen K. Peters Richard A. Stoloff, Esq.

APPEARANCES:

Robert H. Tembeckjian (John J. Postel, Of Counsel) for the Commission Michael F. Young for the Respondent

The matter having come before the Commission on December 8, 2011; and the Commission having before it the Notice and Formal Written Complaint dated August 30, 2011, in the above-entitled matter; respondent's Verified Answer dated October 11,

2011; and the Stipulation dated December 1, 2011, with appended exhibits; and respondent having resigned from judicial office by letter dated November 30, 2011, effective December 8, 2011, and having affirmed that he will neither seek nor accept judicial office in the future; and respondent having waived confidentiality as provided by Judiciary Law §45 to the limited extent that the Stipulation will be made public if accepted by the Commission; now, therefore, it is

DETERMINED, on the Commission's own motion, that the Stipulation is accepted and that the pending proceeding is hereby discontinued and the matter closed pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation; and it is

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 8, 2011

Clerk of the Commission

New York State

Commission on Judicial Conduct