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Mr. Walker,

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission will hear the complaint regarding the candidacy of Judge Forsythe on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 105 of the Gressette Building.

In order to adhere with the restrictions on judges contained in Canon 3B(9) of the Canons of Judicial Conduct which prohibit a judge from publicly commenting on pending litigation, and in order to safeguard the integrity of the judicial process for all parties involved, the testimony of the complainant must be limited to allegations about Judge Forsythe's service based on the Commission's evaluative criteria.

Your testimony as to whether Judge Forsythe is qualified to continue to serve as a judge should be based on these criteria:

- 1) constitutional qualifications
- 2) ethical fitness
- 3) professional and academic ability
- 4) character
- 5) reputation
- 6) physical health
- 7) mental stability
- 8) experience
- 9) judicial temperament

However, the Commission will not weigh in on the merits of the pending litigation or the substantive actions of Judge Forsythe therein. Judge Forsythe will be ethically prohibited from responding to any allegations about her involvement or actions in any pending litigation.

Thank you,


G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Chairman of JMSC