

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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*In re:* Inquiry Concerning ) Complaint No. 2021-011  
**Former Judge Steve Teske** )  
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**Report of Disposition Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-21(k)(1) and Rule 11(A) of the Rules of the Judicial Qualifications Commission**

This matter originated before the Judicial Qualifications Commission (hereinafter, “JQC”) Investigative Panel with a complaint concerning allegations of judicial misconduct on the part of former Clayton County Juvenile Court Judge Steve Teske. The Investigative Panel commenced an investigation into the allegations of judicial misconduct, determining that:

1. Judge Teske made social media posts that amounted statements of public support for certain political positions and which could have negatively impacted public confidence in Judge Teske’s ability to remain independent and impartial, and thus violated Rules 1.2(A), 1.2(B), 2.10, 3.1(A), and 3.1(C) of the Code of Judicial Conduct;

During the pendency of the above-styled matter, Judge Teske retired from his position as a Juvenile Court Judge for Clayton County and has accepted employment

out-of-state, and the new employment does not allow for simultaneously holding a judicial position. The JQC Investigative Panel and Judge Teske have mutually agreed upon a disposition of Complaint 2021-011. The disposition and agreement between the JQC Investigative Panel and Judge Teske, in which Judge Teske has agreed not to seek judicial office (including senior judge status) in the future in Georgia in light of the JQC investigation, is set forth in the Consent Agreement dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, which is attached to this filing (see Exhibit 1).

This Report of Disposition is submitted for filing in the public records of the Supreme Court of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-21(k)(1) and JQC Rule 11 (A).

Respectfully submitted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

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# EXHIBIT 1

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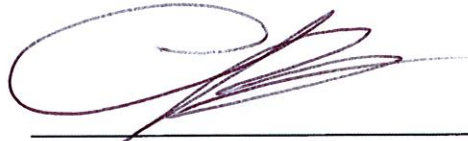
**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to the Rules of the Judicial Qualifications Commission (hereinafter, “JQC”), the JQC Investigative Panel and Former Juvenile Court Judge Steve Teske (“Judge Teske”) hereby resolve the above-styled matter as follows:

1. Judge Teske retired from his position as a Juvenile Court Judge of Clayton County on September 30, 2021.
2. Judge Teske will be moving to Arizona and has accepted employment working as an attorney in a capacity that will not allow him to seek judicial office or senior judge status in Georgia. Judge Teske will not seek, request, or accept an elected or appointed judicial office in the future in Georgia. Judge Teske will also not seek appointment as a senior judge on any court in Georgia. Further, based upon Judge Teske’s move, career change, and this agreement, the Investigative Panel will dismiss the above-styled complaint. This agreement is effective immediately and carries forward permanently.

3. After the signing of this Consent Agreement, the Commission will file this Agreement with the Supreme Court of Georgia, along with the *Report to the Supreme Court of Georgia* pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-21(k)(1) and JQC Rule 11 (A). This Consent Agreement resolves any complaints or charges in the above-styled matter as provided herein.

Respectfully submitted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.



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Consented and agreed to by:



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Steve Teske

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to Judicial Qualifications Commission Rule 13, the Director certifies that he has this day served the following:

**Consent Agreement**

by emailing a true and correct copy of the same to ensure delivery upon the following:

Steven Teske  
Steve.teske@claytoncountyga.gov

This 4/10 day of October, 2021.



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