

2022 IL Cts Com 001

(No. 22 CC 1. – Complaint dismissed.)

In re SHELDON A. HARRIS
Justice of the First District Appellate Court
State of Illinois, Respondent.

Order entered July 6, 2022

SYLLABUS

On April 14, 2022, the Judicial Inquiry Board filed a complaint with the Courts Commission, charging respondent with conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice and conduct that brings the judicial office into disrepute in violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, Illinois Supreme Court Rules 61, 62, and 63. In summary form, the complaint alleged that respondent committed misconduct in 2016 by initiating and engaging in *ex parte* conversations with two other justices regarding an order that was entered in a case where the respondent's nephew was a party. The complaint further alleged that in 2020, the respondent committed misconduct by making false statements while testifying under oath before the Judicial Inquiry Board regarding the *ex parte* conversations in 2016.

Held: Complaint dismissed.

Michael Deno and Natosha Toller for Judicial Inquiry Board.
Warren Lupel, of Chicago, for respondent.
Laurie & Brennan, LLP, of Chicago, for respondent.

Before the COURTS COMMISSION: GARMAN, Chairperson, O'BRIEN, SCHOSTOK, NIXON, AUSTRIACO, and WOLFF, commissioners. ALL CONCUR. PETERSON, commissioner, did not participate in the final disposition of this matter.

ORDER

This cause coming to be heard on the Judicial Inquiry Board's Motion to Dismiss Complaint Without Prejudice, which was filed in this matter on July 6, 2022, and the Judicial Inquiry Board having asserted that because Respondent is no longer a sitting Illinois judge, the Illinois Courts Commission no longer has jurisdiction over this matter;
and the Illinois Courts Commission being fully advised in the premises;
NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that this action is dismissed without prejudice.

Complaint dismissed.


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR &
GENERAL COUNSEL, ILLINOIS
COURTS COMMISSION