

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

SPECIAL ORDER NO.: 2012-14

SUBJECT: Assignment of Judge

Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 56, the Executive Committee of the Circuit Court of Cook County was convened by Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans. The following findings were made regarding Judge Cynthia Brim:

1. Judge Brim has been formally charged with the commission of a crime which reflects adversely upon her fitness to serve.
2. Allegations of inappropriate conduct by Judge Brim have been brought to the attention of the Committee which tend to indicate there may be the threat of injury to the public, the judicial branch of government or the orderly administration of justice.
3. There is reasonable cause to believe that a medical examination may reveal that Judge Brim presently is unable to perform her judicial duties which could result in serious injury to the public or impede the orderly administration of justice.

It is hereby ordered that pursuant to the rules and policies for judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County, effective immediately, Judge Cynthia Brim is removed from all judicial duties until further order of court.

It is further ordered that Judge Brim is denied unrestricted access to all court facilities. In the event she has court business, she will be escorted by court security.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2012. This order shall be spread upon the records of this court and published.

ENTERED:

Timothy C. Evans
Chief Judge

Patricia Banks
Presiding Judge, Elder Law and Misc.
Remedies Div.

Paul P. Biebel, Jr.
Presiding Judge, Criminal Division

Mary Ellen Coghlan
Presiding Judge, Probate Division

Grace G. Dickler
Presiding Judge, Domestic Relations
Div.

Sophia H. Hall
Presiding Judge, Juvenile Justice and Child
Protection Resources Section

Moshe Jacobius
Presiding Judge, Chancery Division

William D. Maddux
Presiding Judge, Law Division

Patricia M. Martin
Presiding Judge, Child Protection Div.

Edmund Ponce de Leon
Presiding Judge, County Division

Sebastian T. Patti
Presiding Judge, Domestic Violence Div.

Michael P. Toomin
Presiding Judge, Juvenile Justice Division

E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.
Presiding Judge, First Municipal District

Shelley Sutker-Dermer
Presiding Judge, Second Municipal District

William O. Maki
Presiding Judge, Third Municipal District

Cheyrl D. Ingram
Presiding Judge, Fourth Municipal District

Raymond L. Jagielski
Presiding Judge, Fifth Municipal District

Marjorie C. Laws
Presiding Judge, Sixth Municipal District

In order to promote public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary while taking into consideration the nature and severity of any charges against or implications of improper conduct by a judge, Supreme Court Rule 56 provides that a Chief Judge may temporarily assign a judge to restricted duties or duties other than judicial duties. The reasons for such assignment include, but are not limited to, a judge being formally charged with the commission of a crime which involves moral turpitude or reflects adversely upon the judge's fitness to serve, a judge allegedly violating the Code of Judicial Conduct, a judge being publicly implicated in conduct which, if true, would constitute impropriety or an appearance of impropriety which involves moral turpitude or threatens irreparable injury to the public, to the judicial branch of government, or to the orderly administration of justice, or reasonable cause exists that a medical examination would reveal that a judge is mentally incompetent or physically unable to perform his or her duties, and it appears that the incompetence is or may be permanent or will likely be of such duration that the judge's continued assignment to judicial duties could result in irreparable injury to the public, impede the orderly administration of justice, or bring dishonor on the judicial system. See Supreme Court Rule 56 (a)(1), (2), (3) and (4).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

To ensure the perception and reality of the highest standards of conduct, effective March 12, 2012, Judge Cynthia Brim is assigned

Dated this 12th day of March, 2012. This order shall be spread upon the records of this court and published.

ENTERED:

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Circuit Court of Cook County

Timothy C. Evans
Chief Judge