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**SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY**

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IN THE MATTER OF :  
JOHN F. RUSSO, JR., :  
A JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT : **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**  
OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

The Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct having filed a presentment recommending the suspension of Superior Court Judge John F. Russo, Jr., and the Court having reviewed the matter and having determined it is necessary under the circumstances to consider the full quantum of possible discipline, including removal from judicial office, pursuant to Rule 2:14 and N.J.S.A. 2B:2A-1 to -11, and good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that Judge Russo show cause why he should not be removed from office or otherwise disciplined for conduct evidencing unfitness for judicial office as set forth in the Complaint attached to this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that a panel shall be designated, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:2A-7, to conduct a hearing, take evidence, and report its findings to this Court, unless

respondent exercises his right to waive a further evidentiary hearing before a panel and requests instead to rest on the record developed before the ACJC and to present argument to the Supreme Court as to why he should not be removed from office or otherwise disciplined; and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:2A-4, the Attorney General or his representative is designated to prosecute the proceedings; and it is further

ORDERED that the respondent shall, at all stages of this proceeding, be entitled to be represented by counsel; and it is further

ORDERED that the prosecuting attorney and respondent shall have the right to compulsory process to secure the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence at the hearing before the panel, which process shall be in the same form and issued and enforced in the same manner as any subpoena issued out of the Superior Court.

WITNESS, the Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this  
17th day of July, 2019.

  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT