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SUPREME COURT REMOVES JUDGE ALAN F. PENDLETON FROM OFFICE

On October 14, 2015, the Minnesota Supreme Court removed District Court Judge Alan F. Pendleton from judicial office. A copy of the Court's opinion is attached.

Judge Pendleton was a judge of the Tenth Judicial District of the State of Minnesota. His chambers were in Anoka, Minnesota.

On October 7, 2014, the Board on Judicial Standards filed a formal complaint against Judge Pendleton with the Minnesota Supreme Court. The Supreme Court appointed a three-person panel to conduct a public hearing concerning the matter. After the hearing, the panel found that Judge Pendleton violated the residency requirement of the Minnesota Constitution by residing outside his judicial district from January 15, 2014 to June 2, 2014 and that he filed an affidavit of candidacy on May 22, 2014 containing a false residence address. The panel recommended that the Supreme Court censure Judge Pendleton and suspend him from judicial office for at least six months. The Supreme Court heard oral argument on the matter on September 8, 2015. Immediately after oral argument, the Court issued an order temporarily suspending Judge Pendleton from judicial office pending the Court's final decision. On October 14, 2015, the Court removed Judge Pendleton from office.

Copies of the Board's formal complaint, the panel's findings and recommendation, and other documents are available at <http://www.bjs.state.mn.us/public-discipline-filings-pending/pendleton-inquiry>. A copy of Judge Pendleton's affidavit of candidacy is available at <http://www.bjs.state.mn.us/file/public-discipline/pendleton/1449-boards-supreme-court-addendum.pdf> (page 19). The Board's rules and other information concerning the Board are available at the Board's website, www.bjs.state.mn.us.