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### **COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT RESOLVES FORMAL ETHICS CHARGES AGAINST FORMER DESERT RIDGE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE CLANCY JAYNE**

PHOENIX. The Commission on Judicial Conduct announced today that on February 28, 2017, an order was entered by a commission hearing panel that resolved pending formal ethics charges against former Desert Ridge Justice of the Peace Clancy Jayne. Former Judge Jayne lost his bid for re-election in 2016, and, as of January 1, 2017, no longer holds judicial office.

The hearing panel's order approved a stipulated resolution entered into between the commission and the judge. The commission agreed that its formal charges against former Judge Jayne will not be pursued and the commission will not make any findings of facts or conclusions of law regarding those formal charges. In exchange, former Judge Jayne agreed he will not run for elective judicial office or serve in any judicial capacity in the State of Arizona at any time in the future. Former Judge Jayne did not make any admissions concerning the allegations contained in the commission's amended statement of formal charges except as were contained in his response to those charges. The commission's formal charges could be reinstated and an injunction sought should former Judge Jayne fail to comply with the terms of the stipulated resolution.

The commission is an independent state agency with disciplinary jurisdiction over all state and local judges. It is comprised of six judges, two attorneys, and three public members. The commission investigates and resolves complaints about the conduct of Arizona judges and make recommendations to the Arizona Supreme Court in matters in which the commission recommends a judge should be censured, suspended, or removed from judicial office.

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