

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

Before: STEWART, Chief Judge, OWEN, DENNIS, CLEMENT, ELROD, SOUTHWICK, GRAVES, HIGGINSON, COSTA, LEMELLE, DICK, HICKS, BROWN, OZERDEN, GODBEY, ROSENTHAL, CLARK, and MARTINEZ

DOCKET NO. 05-16-90074

IN RE: Complaint of Judicial Disability Regarding United States District Judge Patricia H. Minaldi, Under the Judicial Improvements Act of 2002

ORDER AND MEMORANDUM OF REASONS

A complaint was filed in April 2016 asserting concerns of possible disability of the Honorable Patricia H. Minaldi of the Western District of Louisiana. A Special Committee was appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 353 to conduct an investigation of the complaint. The Special Committee retained counsel to conduct interviews with and take statements from witnesses, and otherwise to carry out the investigation under its direction. The Special Committee retained medical experts to evaluate Judge Minaldi, and also met with Judge Minaldi who was represented by counsel.

On July 31, 2017, Judge Minaldi retired for disability pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 372(a).

The Special Committee has concluded its investigation. Based on the Special Committee's Report, the Judicial Council has reviewed the compelling and uncontroverted medical evidence pertaining to Judge Minaldi's permanent disability within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 372(a).


The Special Committee, in consideration of Judge Minaldi's retirement for disability, recommended that the Judicial Council conclude this proceeding because intervening events have made the proceeding unnecessary. *See* Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings, Rule 20(b)(1)(B).

The Judicial Council accepts this recommendation and concludes this proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 354(a)(1)(C) and Rule 20(b)(1)(B) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings.

This order will be available immediately in the public record, consistent with the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 360(b), and will be placed on the website of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Pursuant to Rule 24(a)(2) of the Rules for Judicial-Conduct and Judicial-Disability Proceedings, it is ordered that Judge Minaldi's name shall be disclosed.

For the Council:

Date: August 23, 2017



Carl E. Stewart
Chief Judge