## **COURT ON THE JUDICIARY** TRIAL DIVISION SEP 18 2020 THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, JOHN D. HADDEN CLERK Petitioner. No. CJTD-2020-1 VS. KENDRA COLEMAN,

IN THE COURT ON THE JUDICIARY OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMAFILED

TRIAL DIVISION

## JOURNAL ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

Respondent.

On this 18th day of September, 2020, the Amended Petition comes on for trial before the Court on the Judiciary, Trial Division. Present is Tracy Schumacher, prosecutor. Respondent, Kendra Coleman, is present in person and represented by Joe E. White, Jr., and Kate C. Thompson, attorneys present at trial.

Trial before the Court on the Judiciary, Trial Division, started August 31, 2020 and continued until judgment was announced on the 18th day of September, 2020. Witnesses were sworn and arguments were heard.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented and the argument of counsel, the Court finds by clear and convincing evidence as follows:

- 1. The Court unanimously finds that the evidence is insufficient to establish gross neglect of duty.
- The Court unanimously finds that the allegations that Respondent violated the terms of probation placed upon her by the Oklahoma Supreme Court merge with the other grounds for removal.

3. The Court unanimously finds that the Petitioner's allegations that Respondent violated city, state and federal laws merge with the other grounds for removal.

4. The Court by a vote of 6-3 finds by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent committed oppression in office.

5. The Court by a vote of 6-3 finds by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent has violated other grounds specified by the Legislature: violations by a judicial officer of the Code of Judicial Conduct to include, but not limited to Canons 1, 2, and 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

6. The Court by a vote of 6-3 finds by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent violated her ethics reporting.

It is the judgment of the Majority that the Respondent, Kendra Coleman, be removed from the office of District Judge, District 7, Office 9, Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, without disqualification to hold any future judicial office in the State of Oklahoma.

DONE BY ORDER OF THE COURT ON THE JUDICIARY, TRIAL DIVISION, IN CONFERENCE, ON THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

Rebecca Brett Nightingale, Presiding Judge

Paul K. Woodward

Cindy Ferrell Ashwood

Thad Balkman

Douglas A. Kirkley

Concurring in part, dissenting in part: I concur with the findings, but dissent as to removal and would support suspension without pay for 2 years and one day.
Wm. Brad Heckenkemper, Vice Presiding Judge
Dissenting: I dissent to the majority's finding that the Respondent is guilty of oppression in office or any willful violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct. I believe that the facts of this case do not warrant removal from office.
Irma J Newburn
Dissenting: I dissent to the Court's decision in a finding of guilt by clear and convincing evidence.  Stephen R. Pazzo, Jr.
Dissenting by opinion to be separately filed.  Wallace Coppedge