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JUSTICE CHRISTINE DONOHUE

January 11, 2018

To All Counsel of Record

RE: J-1-2018
League of Women Voters of PA, et al. v. Commonwealth, et al.
No. 159 MM 2017

Dear Counsel:

Consistent with the spirit of the Pennsylvania Code of Judicial Conduct, I advise you of the following information.

Alex Lacey, one of the attorneys listed as counsel for Respondent Michael J. Stack, III, served as an intern in my chambers during the summer of 2010 while I was a judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. Mr. Lacey was a rising second year law student. The internship was for a ten week period. In January 2017, I officiated at Mr. Lacey's wedding ceremony. I have had no contact with Mr. Lacey since that time and minimal interaction between the internship and January 2017. The request to officiate was made through personnel in my chambers.

In 2015, while I was a candidate for a Supreme Court seat, Respondent Michael J. Stack, III lent his name to a reception on my behalf at the democratic party endorsement meeting. He did not financially contribute to the event or my campaign committee. The Committee to Elect Mike Stack made a \$1,000 contribution to my campaign committee in February 2015.

My intent with this disclosure is maximum transparency. I am certain that these episodes will have no impact on my consideration of the pending case nor do I perceive any appearance of impropriety. I am of course willing to consider any timely filed contrary perspective.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christine Donohue", written over a blue horizontal line.

Justice Christine Donohue

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cc: Irene Bizzoso, Esq., Prothonotary for Distribution
All Justices