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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT FILES ITS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING JUDGE ERNEST B. MURPHY WITH SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

BOSTON, MA (April 1, 2008) – The Commission on Judicial Conduct has today filed with the Supreme Judicial Court its Report and Recommendation in Complaint Nos. 2006-9 and 2006-30 (SJC Docket No. OE-0119) regarding Superior Court Judge Ernest B. Murphy.

Following the Public Hearing on October 15 and 16, 2007 on the Formal Charges in this matter, and the subsequent Report of the Hearing Officer submitted to the Commission on November 19, 2007, the Commission heard from the judge and the complainant regarding its recommendation for discipline at a public hearing held pursuant to Commission Rule 11E on January 8, 2008.

After careful deliberation, the Commission then voted to recommend to the Supreme Judicial Court, pursuant to G.L. c. 211C, sec. 8(4), that Judge Murphy be publicly censured, suspended without pay for thirty days, fined \$25,000 and assessed the costs incurred by the Commission in connection with this matter. The Commission's findings and recommendation are detailed in its Report.

The Commission's statute and Rules, as well as all materials public in this matter, are available on the Commission's website: www.mass.gov/cjc.

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