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CHANCELLOR

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The Honorable Willis W. Berry Jr.
1409 Criminal Justice Center
1301 Filbert Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Judge Berry,

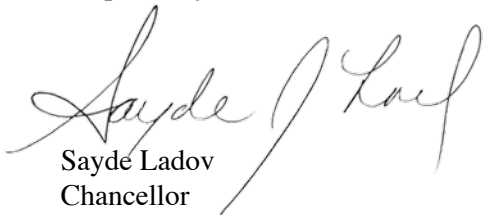
After carefully reviewing both the determination by the Court of Judicial Discipline as well as the specific facts to which you and your counsel stipulated during the Court's proceedings, we ask that you now resign your position as judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the First Judicial District.

For more than a decade, utilizing taxpayer resources, you operated a private real estate business out of your judicial chambers. This conduct included the diversion of services on behalf of that business by your secretary during the court's working hours. In addition, you received numerous citations for housing code violations during that same period of time. The court found that your action "constitutes conduct which brings the office into disrepute," in violation of the Commonwealth's Constitution.

As a consequence, your continued presence in office undermines public confidence in the integrity of the judiciary and ultimately negatively impacts our entire system of justice.

The Philadelphia Bar Association believes that your violation of the public trust and the damage it has caused to the reputation of the judiciary requires your resignation. It is the only appropriate response that you can make to help restore public confidence in the judiciary.

Respectfully,



Sayde Ladov
Chancellor

Note: We are sharing this letter publicly and are issuing a press release today.