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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following order:

No. 2024AP2038-J

Wisconsin Judicial Commission v. Ellen K. Berz

On October 9, 2024, the Wisconsin Judicial Commission (the Commission) filed a complaint pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 757.85(5), alleging that the Honorable Ellen K. Berz engaged in judicial misconduct. The Commission also filed a stipulation between it and Judge Berz as to findings of fact and conclusions of law. In the stipulation the parties jointly request the appointment of a judicial conduct panel to issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation regarding discipline if the judicial conduct panel finds judicial misconduct.

IT IS ORDERED that this matter is referred to the chief judge of the court of appeals for the selection of the judges to constitute a judicial conduct panel and the designation of one of them as presiding judge, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 757.87(3).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that following the designation of the judicial conduct panel and the presiding judge, the matter is referred to the judicial conduct panel for proceedings pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 757.89.

JILL J. KAROFKY, J., did not participate.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Supreme Court