

**BEFORE THE INVESTIGATIVE PANEL OF THE
FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION**

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE,

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THE HONORABLE CASEY L. WOOLSEY,
JQC Number: 2023-029

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NOTICE OF FORMAL CHARGES

TO: The Honorable Casey L. Woolsey,
St. Johns County Court Judge
Richard O. Watson Judicial Center
4010 Lewis Speedway
St. Augustine, Florida 32084-8637

The Investigative Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission (“Commission”), at its meeting on November 3, 2023, by a vote of the majority of its members, pursuant to Rule 6(f) of the Rules of the Commission and Article V, Section 12(b) of the Constitution of the State of Florida, finds that probable cause exists for formal proceedings to be instituted against you. Probable cause exists on the following formal charges:

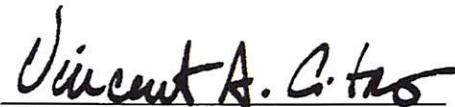
1. In October 2020, your campaign created a social media post that suggested to the public that the campaign had raised \$100,000 from people other than you. In fact, campaign reports noted that you loaned yourself \$50,000 during September 2020, and that amount was included in the September account total but omitted from the October 2020 social media post. You reviewed and approved social media posts for your campaign. The misleading social media post was shared by others, including your spouse.
2. You injected partisan politics into your campaign for judicial office. Specifically, in a voicemail message to a potential voter, you identified yourself as a “conservative.”

Your actions constitute inappropriate conduct in violation of Canons 1, 2(A), and 7A(3)(b), (c) and (e)(ii), of the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct.

You are hereby notified of your right to file a written answer to these charges within twenty (20) days of service of this notice upon you. The original of your response and all subsequent pleadings must be filed with the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court, in accordance with the Court's requirements. Copies of your response should be served on the undersigned General Counsel, Special Counsel, and Executive Director of the Commission.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2023.

**INVESTIGATIVE PANEL OF THE
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on December 11, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Formal Charges has been furnished by electronic service to the following:

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