



**BEFORE THE
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

**IN RE: THE HONORABLE REAGAN CARTWRIGHT HELM
FORMER COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NUMBER 1
HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
(CJC Nos. 10-0034-CC & 10-0234-CC)**

**VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO RESIGN FROM
JUDICIAL OFFICE IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

This Agreement is being entered into by the undersigned parties pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code.

WHEREAS at all times relevant hereto, the Honorable Reagan Cartwright Helm was Judge of the County Criminal Court at Law No. 1, in Houston, Harris County, Texas, and

WHEREAS two complaints (CJC Nos. 10-0034-CC and 10-0234-CC) were filed with the Commission, alleging that Judge Helm may suffer from a disability seriously interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent in nature, and

WHEREAS the Commission notified Judge Helm of the complaints by letter dated December 2, 2009, and requested that he respond to the allegations no later than December 30, 2009, and

WHEREAS Judge Helm notified the Commission by letter dated December 30, 2009, that he intended to resign from judicial office in January 2010, and would not be responding to the Commission's inquiry, and

WHEREAS Judge Helm notified the Harris County Commissioners Court by letter dated February 2, 2010, that he was resigning from judicial office effective immediately, and

WHEREAS no Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law have been made in connection with the above-referenced matters, and

WHEREAS the parties agree that the allegations of judicial disability, if found to be true, could result in Commission action against Judge Helm, and

WHEREAS the parties to this Agreement are desirous of resolving these matters without the time and expense of further proceedings.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that Judge Helm, upon the signing of this Agreement, affirms that he has officially and formally resigned his judicial office and is entering into this agreement to resolve the above-referenced matters in lieu of action by the Commission, pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code. The Commission agrees that it shall pursue no further proceedings against Judge Helm in connection with the above-referenced matters.

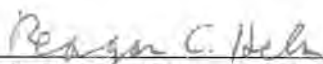
IT IS FURTHER AGREED that, upon the Commission's approval of this Agreement, Judge Helm shall be disqualified from future judicial service; sitting or serving as a judge in the State of Texas in the future; or standing for election or appointment to judicial office in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that any violation of this Agreement by Judge Helm would constitute willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of his duties or casts public discredit upon the judiciary or administration of justice in violation of Art. 5, §1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution, and Section 33.001(b) of the Texas Government Code.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Commission may enforce this Agreement through any legal process necessary, including injunctive relief; that Travis County, Texas, shall be the proper venue for any dispute between the parties or proceeding relating to this Agreement; and that Judge Helm, individually, shall bear the expense, cost, and any reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees in the event any dispute arising under this Agreement is decided against him by any court or tribunal.


IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Judge Helm, by his execution of this voluntary agreement, does not admit guilt, fault or liability regarding the matters contained in the complaints referenced above.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED upon its execution by the parties.



Honorable Reagan Cartwright Helm

Date: 3-4-2010



Honorable Jorge C. Rangel, Chair *Vice Chair*
State Commission on Judicial Conduct

Date: 4/15/2010

VERIFICATION

State of Texas §
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County of Harris §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **REAGAN CARTWRIGHT HELM**, who by me being first duly sworn, on his oath deposed and said that the above “Voluntary Agreement to Resign from Judicial Office in Lieu of Disciplinary Action” is a true and correct recitation of the facts and accurately reflects his understanding of the terms and conditions of, and voluntary consent to enter into, such Agreement.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME, on this the 4th day of March, 2010.



Cynthia Madrigal Cortez
NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR THE
STATE OF TEXAS