IN RE: DISCIPLINARY BOARD COMPLAINT

: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
: OF POTTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
:
: NO. 7 OF 2026
:
: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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ORDER AND DISCLOSURE

AND NOW, this 28th day of October 2026 the Court hereby issues this Order to advise any person who is a party to any proceeding within Potter County involving the District Attorney's office that the Court has made a Complaint to the Disciplinary Board against District Attorney Andy Watson. Judge Minor has been listed as a witness by the Disciplinary Counsel and Counsel for the DA. This Disclosure is made pursuant to Canon 2.7, Responsibility to Decide, Comment (3) which provides: *A judge should disclose on the record information that the judge believes the parties or their lawyers might reasonably consider relevant to a possible motion for disqualification or recusal even if the judge believes there is no proper basis for disqualification or recusal.*

The timing of this Disclosure is made pursuant to Board Opinion of May 8, 2026 and Panel Advice of October 19, 2026, from the Judicial Ethics Advisory Board to the Judge which provides in part: *Thus, once the Disciplinary Board has publicly charged/announced disciplinary action against a member of the bar, a judge should disclose their involvement in that attorney's disciplinary process.* The public filing of the Petition for Discipline against the District Attorney has now occurred so disclosure is warranted. The filing can be viewed on the Board's website.

BY THE COURT:

STEPHEN P.B. MINOR, P.J.
55TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT