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## CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Please type or print. If you wish to provide documents to support your allegations, please attach copies of those documents. We cannot return documents. The Board's jurisdiction extends only to Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justices, Superior and Commonwealth Court Judges, Common Pleas Court Judges, Philadelphia Municipal and Traffic Court Judges and Magisterial District Judges. Once completed, you must sign and return this form to the address above.

NOTICE: The Judicial Conduct Board has no authority to change a Judge's decisions or rulings. Our jurisdiction extends only to conduct that violates the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Rules Governing Standards of Conduct of Magisterial District Judges, which may be found at our website at www.jcbpa.org.

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Please use this page to explain your complaint, providing as much detail as possible.

Attach additional pages if needed.

Please note, it is not required that you present your grievance to the Board in person. Personal interviews are not required and are not usually necessary for our preliminary review, investigation, and understanding of grievances. If we need further information relative to your grievances, you will be contacted by phone or letter and arrangements will be made for an interview if deemed necessary.

Adolph Joseph Antanavage was recently chosen by Governor Corbett to be a judge in the Court of Common Pleas in Berks County. Mr. Antanavage is a long time participant in live pigeon shoots in Pennsylvania. In 2012, Mr. Antanavage was video recorded shooting pigeons at Wing Pointe, a private club in Berks County, where the Confederate flag was flown.

The Confederate flag has been flown at every August shoot at Wing Pointe for a number of years. Included is an image of Judge Antanavage in front of the Confederate flag at Wing Pointe. You may also review a video that exposes Judge Antanavage's questionable behavior at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcEobsdckoc

Judge Antanavage's participation in an activity at a private club where the Confederate flag, a symbol of bias and prejudice proudly waves, raises serious concerns about his judgement, objectivity and fairness. However, that is not my only concern.

In 1891, The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that there could be violations of the anti-cruelty law at pigeon shoots, which means that pigeons are covered under Pennsylvania's anti-cruelty statute. This indicates that the shooting, wounding, abandoning and neglect of pigeons, which happens at pigeon shoots, is illegal. In that case, Judge Antanavage has violated Pennsylvania state law every time he has participated in a pigeon shoot over numerous years.

Illegal gambling is a major part of live pigeon shoots. This article can tell you more about that: http://citypaper.net/article.php?The-war-on-live-pigeon-shoots-20126

To quote the article:

"The gambling aspect of live-pigeon shoots is important..."

"...people who say they've attended shoots commonly say things like: "The money is insane. As a rule it isn't the purse that is the real big dinero but the side bets. A hundred a bird is startin' money."

Considering that Mr. Antanavage has participated in pigeon shoots for many years at numerous private clubs, he has unquestionably been exposed to illegal gambling and/or has knowledge of it. We are therefore raising these concerns about illegal gambling and Judge Antanavage because he may have vital information for law enforcement that potentially could effect an interstate gambling ring.

Judge Antanavage needs to be questioned if he participated in illegal gambling, or if he has any knowledge of anyone else participating in acts of illegal gambling. I am told by a former employee of one gun club that it is impossible for a pigeon shooter to not be well aware of the illegal gambling which is integral to the activity. Even in the unlikely case that Adolph Antanavage was not personally involved in the gambling, one must

ask why Judge Antanavage has not turned information about the illegal behavior over to investigative authorities. Considering how pervasive illegal gambling is at pigeon shoots, it is highly likely that Antanavage would have important information.

Judge Antanavage's potential participation in illegal gambling may also make him vulnerable to extortion from other participants in illegal gambling if they had an interest before him.

Judge Antanavage may have important information regarding a criminal act that occurred while he was present at a pigeon shoot held at the Wing Pointe commercial hunting grounds in Berks County.

On November 18, 2012, SHARK was legally flying a remote controlled aircraft at a pigeon shoot held at Wing Pointe. Someone inside the club used a rifle to shoot the aircraft down. This constituted not only criminal damage to property, but rifles are also prohibited on Wing Pointe's property by agreement with the local township.

One of the potential witnesses to this illegal shoot down was Mr. Antanavage. We videotaped him leaving Wing Pointe after the shoot down occurred, and when State Police were supposed to have been investigating the incident. I must note that Mr. Antanavage worked for State Police Lodge #65 as solicitor, which may have been why he was not interviewed by the State Police who were supposed to be investigating the shoot down. Not surprisingly, no suspect was ever identified.

Judge Antanavage should be questioned about what he saw regarding the illegal act that occurred that day, and produce the name of suspects so that this criminal investigation may proceed.

It is important to note that, as a lawyer and an officer of the court, Mr. Antanavage had a legal responsibility to report this violation of the law and help in the investigation.

It is extremely telling that the media has on numerous attempted to contact Judge Antanavage to ask him about his history. Mr. Antanavage has failed to respond. When personally confronted on camera at the state capitol, Mr. Antanavage also refused to answer any questions.

The issues raised in this complaint have been brought to Berks County President Judge Paul M. Yatron, as well as Governor Tom Corbett, who nominated Adolph Antanavage to become a judge. Judge Yatron has chosen not to respond, while a member of Governor Corbett's staff sent the following:

## Dear Friend:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding Judge A. Joseph Antanavage. Under the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the Judicial Conduct Board is the agency responsible for investigating complaints against judges. Consequently, we would suggest that you contact the Judicial Conduct Board to learn more about Pennsylvania's judicial discipline process.

For more information, you may visit the Judicial Conduct Board's website at <a href="https://www.judicialconductboardofpa.org">www.judicialconductboardofpa.org</a>.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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The quality and character of judges determines if there is to be justice. There are numerous legitimate challenges to Adolph Antanavage. I ask that the Judicial Conduct Board carefully contemplate this complaint and the considerable evidence that exists.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

