

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WAKE

**FILED**  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
2012 DEC 17 AM 10:55 12-CRS-6805

WAKE COUNTY, C.S.C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

vs.

KRISTIN H. RUTH,

Defendant.

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**ORDER OF ATTORNEY  
DISCIPLINE  
(REPRIMAND)**

By and with the consent of Kristin Ruth, the Court exercises its inherent authority to discipline attorneys for professional misconduct.

From the evidence of record, the Court finds that Kristin Ruth has violated Rule 8.4(d) of the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct of Attorneys.

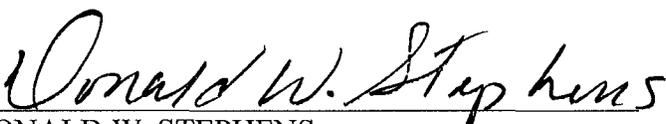
Attorney Kristin Ruth having entered a plea of guilty to the misdemeanor of failing to properly discharge duties of her office as a District Court Judge by failing to read orders presented for her signature before signing such orders; **AND** the Court having determined that Kristin Ruth did not act with any criminal intent nor with any intent to knowingly cause harm to the proper administration of justice, but instead the sole professional deficiency of Kristin Ruth was a failure to exercise due care and caution and diligence as a judge; **AND** the Court further finding that Kristin Ruth was at all times honest and cooperative throughout the investigation of this matter and immediately resigned her office as District Court Judge to minimize any injury to the reputation of the judiciary in Wake County that her negligent conduct may have caused; **AND** the Court having continued judgment in the criminal case filed against her; **AND** Kristin Ruth having agreed not to seek or hold judicial office in the future; **AND** there being no

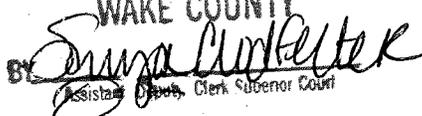
likelihood that this deficient conduct will reoccur; **AND** that Kristin Ruth has always possessed an outstanding professional reputation as a judge, as a lawyer and as a citizen in this community;

THEREFORE, it is the order of this Court that Kristin Ruth be, and hereby is, **reprimanded** for her deficient conduct which was prejudicial to the proper administration of justice in the courts of Wake County and which reflected poorly upon the legal profession.

A copy of this **Order of Reprimand** shall be filed with the Clerk of Superior Court and forwarded to the North Carolina State Bar.

So ordered this, the 17 day of December, 2012.

  
DONALD W. STEPHENS  
SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

A TRUE COPY  
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
WAKE COUNTY  
BY   
Assistant Clerk Superior Court