From: Michelle Kennedy < michelle.kennedy@flcourts18.org >

To: Editor VolusiaExposed < editor@volusiaexposed.com>

Subject: Re: Judge Jeffrey Mahl

Date: Fri, 8 Oct 2021 16:47:18 +0000 (10/08/2021 12:47:18 PM)

I have confirmed with our Chief Judge that no letter was sent to the JQC. Judge Mahl decided to use personal leave time until his effective retirement date of October 29. The Chief Judge has approved senior judge time to cover his docket.

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From: Editor VolusiaExposed <editor@volusiaexposed.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:23:02 PM

To: Michelle Kennedy <michelle.kennedy@flcourts18.org>

Subject: Re: Judge Jeffrey Mahl

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Michelle:

First - let's deal with the facts. FACT - you have NOT been prohibited from clicking on links from external sources - RATHER, you have been advised not to click any links UNLESS you KNOW them to be safe (see below - highlighted areas from the text of your own responses).

FACT - VolusiaExposed.Com ROUTINELY gets IP hits from the 18th Judicial Circuit, and the TheLedger.Com is a well established and respected Florida news source. Apparently - YOU (and not the entire judicial circuit) have chosen to define these links as being unsafe.

Second - the "gossip", as you have defined it, also alleges that Judge Mahl's caseload (docket) has ALREADY been transferred to other judges - even given the FACT that Judge Mahl's resignation / retirement doesn't become effective until October 29, 2021. Can / will you confirm or deny that Judge Mahl's docket has already been transferred. (We will of course second source this particular question with the Clerk of the Court)

Third - has Chief Judge Recksiedler - to your knowledge, contacted the Judicial Qualification Commission regarding any concerns attached to Judge Mahl? (again we shall attempt to second source this information with the JQC)

We agree with Judge Mahl (see resignation letter) - that our justice system promises a "fair and impartial judiciary". However, it's impossible to meet those requirements, if a member of that judiciary has cognitive issues - and other members of that same judiciary fail to take timely corrective action.

Your job - as we see it - is to address any concerns the public may have regarding whether their judiciary is failing to meet their Constitutional responsibilities of being "fair and impartial".

Michelle - rest assured - that absent getting official confirmation (or a denial) that Mahl's departure is connected to cognitive issues - we SHALL ONLY qualify within our reporting that "rumor has it" that Mahl departure was connected to possible cognitive issues. However, our reporting will also memorialize the fact (not rumor) that court official(s) opted not to address some of our inquiries.

Mahl is an elected public official. He has the ability to impose the death penalty. Therefore, like many other elected public official (POTUS, governors, congress(wo)men, senators, SC Justices, etc) - their health, thereby their ability to meet their entrusted responsibilities - is of great public concern.

We shall close by providing to you the definition of the term "gossip".

gossip

1. casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people, typically involving details that are not confirmed as being true.

Gossip CAN BE the truth - it's CAN merely be the unconfirmed truth. Again, your job - as we see it - is to put gossip to bed when it is not accurate - and to confirm the facts that are embedded within the "gossip".

Here is your chance for transparency - don't waste it.

Good day!
(Paul Harvey's renowned sign off)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJaUH7tilAM

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On Thu, 2021-10-07 at 15:05 +0000, Michelle Kennedy wrote:

As I have said earlier, due to cyber security concerns, I am prohibited from clicking on links from external sources. You are clearly privy to more gossip than I am.

From: Editor VolusiaExposed <editor@volusiaexposed.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:44 PM

To: Michelle Kennedy <michelle.kennedy@flcourts18.org>

Subject: Re: Judge Jeffrey Mahl

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Michelle:

Thanks for providing us with the Judge Mahl resignation letter.

We have posted it - BUT we suspect that there is more to this story. http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/court/2021/judgemahlretirementletter/retirementletter.pdf

So, in the spirit of renown radio host Paul Harvey (2018-2009) it is our intentions to present "the rest of the story".

According to the below attached media article - sadly in 2020 - Florida's 10th Judicial Circuit handled a suspected similar situation

regarding Judge Neil Roddenbery. The 10th Judicial Circuit was fairly open regarding their rationale for Roddenbery's retirement.

https://www.theledger.com/news/20200407/lakeland-circuit-court-judge-agrees-to-involuntary-retirement-after-dementia-diagnosis

We suspect that the 18th Judicial Circuit MAY have "missed the train" in openly AND timely handling a similar situation.

Did Chief Judge Jessica Recksiedler send the Judicial Qualification Commission a letter regarding Judge Mahl - as the chief judge within the 10th Judicial Circuit did regarding Judge Roddenbery? (see below web link). If so, can your office provide a copy of this letter.

http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/court/2021/judgemahlretirementletter/roddenbery4.pdf

Regards,

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From: Editor VolusiaExposed < editor@volusiaexposed.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 12:23 PM

To: Michelle Kennedy < <u>michelle.kennedy@flcourts18.org</u> >

Subject: Re: Judge Jeffrey Mahl

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Thanks...

Can / will you provide us a copy of Mahl's resignation letter?

Regards,

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