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Judge Mark Hulsey Responds to Allegations of JQC Investigation Panel

VETERAN JURIST LOOKS FORWARD TO PRESENTING THE TRUTH IN HIS RESPONSE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Circuit Judge Mark Hulsey said he is pleased that Florida's Judicial Qualifications Commission has completed the investigatory phase of allegations made against him last spring. He's eager to begin learning the facts and accusers behind the allegations.

Hulsey stressed that the JQC's investigation of allegations is a long, confidential process. All that has happened to date is that the JQC's Investigation Panel has determined the JQC's Hearing Panel will hold a hearing during which Hulsey will be able to respond to allegations and present evidence that contradicts those allegations. According to JQC rules, the details of complaints against judges are confidential and judges are not allowed to discuss or present arguments against such complaints until the conclusion of the investigative phase.

"These false allegations have been a poorly kept secret hanging over me like a cloud for months," Hulsey said. "I am pleased the JQC has concluded its initial investigation, and that I will now have an opportunity to respond to them in a public forum."

In his service as an Army officer, an adjunct professor and in more than 30 years practicing law, Hulsey forged strong relationships with diverse people from all areas of our community. These relationships were crucial in his election as a circuit court judge. During his service as a judge, he has demonstrated his commitment to the principles of equal justice for all.

"Unfortunately, the JQC Hearing Panel, where I will have a chance to present my case, will likely not take place until later this fall," Hulsey said. "That will allow the challenger in my reelection campaign to continue using these baseless allegations in his attacks against me. I'm counting on my reputation for impartiality, integrity and honesty to help voters and my long-time supporters see through these dirty political tactics."

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