

Affidavit of Judge Thomas F. Parker

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNTY OF NEW LONDON

The undersigned, Thomas F. Parker, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says:

1. I am over the age of 18 and am a resident of the State of Connecticut.
2. I have been a judge of the Superior Court since 1990 and served as Deputy Chief Court Administrator from November 1, 2002 to February 9, 2005, when I became a state referee.
3. My current term as a state referee expires on February 5, 2015, and I am seeking reappointment.
4. On January 16, 2015, I appeared before the Legislature's Judiciary Committee at a public hearing on my reappointment.
5. With no advance notice to me, at that public hearing, Mr. Sylvester Traylor provided some members of the Judiciary Committee with a packet of information in opposition to my reappointment. He also testified against my reappointment. Prior to my appearance before the Committee, I had no opportunity to review the packet submitted by Mr. Traylor or check the accuracy of allegations he made regarding his appearance before me on a case I handled some three years ago.
6. Mr. Traylor's allegations are misleading and false. He specifically claims that on February 3, 2010, I "grabbed his wrist" while he was testifying, in some way in the courtroom. He further claimed that the transcript of the proceedings on that date would substantiate his claim. The official transcript from February 3, 2011 of the proceedings does not substantiate his claim that I had any physical contact with Mr. Traylor nor did I ask Mr. Traylor if he felt intimidated by me. The official court transcript discloses the following exchange:

MR. TRAYLOR: "... I am not being threatening to you am I?"

THE COURT: "No. No."

7. I never stood up and ranted and raved, while counsel was seated on February 3, 2011 during the *Sylvester Traylor v. Bassam Awwa* proceeding or at any other time.
8. Mr. Traylor provided the Committee with excerpts from purported court transcripts from July 8, 2010, September 7, 2010 and September 20, 2010. These excerpts were taken out of context and are not in chronological order. For example, he cites a statement he made on page 3 of the July 8, 2010 transcript and then cites a statement made by Mr. Hall from page 27, making it appear as if Mr. Hall is responding to a statement that he made. These transcripts all have to do with Mr. Traylor, who is not an attorney, trying to represent himself when he already had a licensing attorney representing him.
9. Attorney Anne P. Hatfield never served as a caseflow coordinator for me when I was the administrative judge of the New London Judicial District as I was doing Part A criminal jury trials and as such a caseflow coordinator was not provided or needed; Attorney Hatfield is not a personal friend of my son; and my son has been a lifelong registered Democrat who does not participate in Republican campaigning.
10. Further, I deny all other allegations made by Mr. Traylor including but not limited to: assaulting Mr. Traylor; directing the State Judicial Marshals to practice systemic discrimination; provoking Mr. Traylor into violence inside the courtroom; engaging in ex parte communication; tampering with transcripts; allowing the destruction of evidence during a legal proceeding; having a "problematic association" with Attorney Donald Leone, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and Dr. Bassam Awwa; pointing my finger in a scolding manner during the January 20, 2011 proceeding trying to cause tension; deliberately trying to cause tension between Mr. Traylor and his attorney, Edward Berdick, because he was representing an African-American; allowing a hostile environment against Mr. Traylor; conspiring to defraud and to deprive Mr. Traylor of his civil rights; being a member of the New London Country Club; and recklessly inflicting emotional distress. Regarding the allegation of making Hip Hop hand and facial gestures, I don't know what constitutes a Hip Hop hand and facial gesture and therefore I certainly did not knowingly make any such gesture.

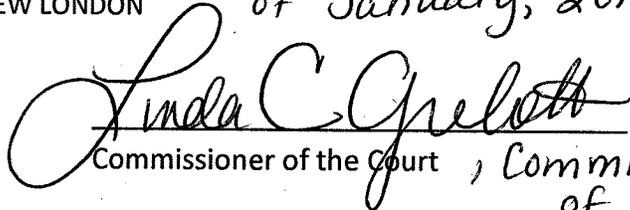
I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information herein is true, correct and complete.

Executed this 21st day of January, 2015.



COMMISSIONER OF THE COURT

Sworn and subscribed to before me on the 21st day
STATE OF CONNECTICUT, COUNTY OF NEW LONDON of January, 2015.



Commissioner of the Court, Commissioner
of the
Superior Court