

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
WESTERN DISTRICT**

IN RE: MADAME JUSTICE JOAN ORIE : No. 384
MELVIN OF THE SUPREME COURT OF :
PENNSYLVANIA : Judicial Administration Docket
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ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 18th day of May, 2012, notification has been received from the Office of the District Attorney of Allegheny County of the presentment of the Investigating Grand Jury and the institution of formal criminal proceedings against Madame Justice Joan Orié Melvin, a member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. In view of the compelling and immediate need to protect and preserve the integrity of the Unified Judicial System and the administration of justice for the citizens of this Commonwealth, Madame Justice Orié Melvin is hereby relieved of any and all judicial and administrative responsibilities as a Justice and is not to take any further administrative or judicial action whatsoever in any case or proceeding now or hereinafter pending in this Court until further Order of this Court.

This Order is without prejudice to the rights of Madame Justice Orié Melvin to seek such relief in this Court for the purpose of vacating or modifying this Order.

Madame Justice Orié Melvin did not participate in this matter.