

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

SUFFOLK, ss.

OE-140

IN RE: SHELLEY M. JOSEPH

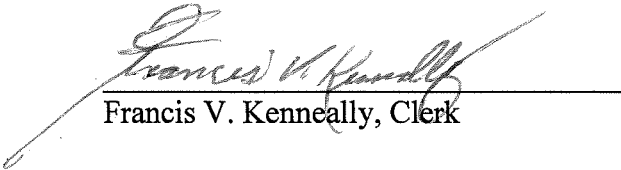
ORDER

Where District Court Judge Shelley M. Joseph has been indicted by a Federal grand jury on charges of obstruction of justice relating to alleged misconduct in her judicial office, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, in the exercise of their powers of general superintendence of the courts of the Commonwealth, hereby suspend her without pay from her duties as an associate Justice of the District Court until further order of this court.

This Order is based solely on the fact that a sitting judge has been indicted for alleged misconduct in the performance of her judicial duties. It in no way reflects any opinion on the merits of the pending criminal case. The Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits all judges from making "any statement that might reasonably be expected to affect the outcome or impair the fairness of a matter pending or impending in any Massachusetts court." SJC Rule 3:09, Code of Judicial Conduct, Rule 2.10.

This suspension is effective immediately.

By the Court,


Francis V. Kenneally, Clerk

Entered: April 25, 2019