

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: JUDGE MICHAEL T. TOOLE	:	No. 336
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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF	:	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
LUZERNE COUNTY	:	
	:	DOCKET

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 3rd day of December 2009, this Court has received notice of an information filed by the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania against Judge Michael T. Toole, a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, and an agreement by Judge Michael T. Toole to enter a plea of guilty to the offenses described in that information. 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 Luzerne County, Judge Michael T. Toole is hereby relieved of any and all judicial and administrative responsibilities as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County and ordered not to take any further administrative or judicial action whatsoever in any case or proceeding now or hereinafter pending until further order of this Court. This action will not result in any diminution in salary or benefits until further order of this Court. This Order is without prejudice to the rights of Judge Michael T. Toole to seek such relief in this Court for the purpose of vacating or modifying this interim Order. Pa. Const. Article V §10(a); In re: Avellino, 690 A.2d 1138 (Pa. 1997); *and see*, In re: McFalls, 795 A.2d 367 (Pa. 2002).