

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 2025-O-00390

IN RE: JUDGE EBONI JOHNSON ROSE

Judiciary Commission of Louisiana

CRAIN, J., dissents and assigns reasons.

Judge Rose was placed on interim suspension on August 6, 2024. *In re: Rose*, 24-0931 (La. 8/6/24), 390 So.3d 275. Her interim suspension was based on a finding that she “may pose a substantial threat of serious harm to the public or the administration of justice.” Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXIII, Section 27(a)(2). The suspension was *with* pay because the Louisiana Constitution requires it. La. Const. art. V, § 25(C). Otherwise, I would have voted to interinely suspend her without pay.

Since her suspension was imposed over eight months ago, Judge Rose has been paid her usual judicial salary while another judge has been paid to perform her job. This is the equivalent of a paid vacation. Judge Rose’s disciplinary violations warrant that she be suspended without pay. Consequently, I would now impose a six-month suspension *without* pay. In the alternative, and if she chooses, I would allow a fully deferred suspension of six months, conditioned upon Judge Rose repaying six months of the cost of the judge covering her docket. This case makes it manifestly apparent why the Louisiana constitution should be amended to address the suspension of judges with and without pay to fix this inequitable burden on the taxpayers.