

Statement of the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel,

Dated March 15, 2021

The Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel has opened an investigation into recent allegations published in news articles about former Chief Justice Coats, including his knowledge of the reasons a contract was awarded to a former executive in the Judicial Department and Coats' statements about that contract. The Chair of the Legal Regulation Committee has appointed outside counsel to conduct this investigation. They are attorneys Wendy Muchman and James Grogan. They can be reached at: wmuchman@gmail.com.

Information about this matter is governed by Colorado Rule of Civil Procedure 251.31(b)(3): "Before the filing and service of a complaint as provided in C.R.C.P. 251.14, the proceedings are confidential within the Office of the Regulation Counsel, the committee, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, and the Supreme Court, except that the pendency, subject matter, and status of an investigation under C.R.C.P 251.10 may be disclosed by the Regulation Counsel if: ... [t]he proceeding is based on allegations that have become generally known to the public."