

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 57

ORDER OF REMOVAL

WHEREAS, By Executive Order No. 47, dated July 3, 1973, James J. Bonafield was suspended from his present office as Judge of Compensation pending the hearing and determination of formal charges brought against him by Ronald M. Heymann, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry, alleging that the said James J. Bonafield had engaged in the practice of law while acting as Judge of Compensation during the period from January, 1970 to July, 1972 in violation of R. S. 34:15-49, had acquiesced in fraudulent conduct to conceal said unauthorized practice of law, and had falsely certified a Department of Labor and Industry questionnaire in March of 1970; and

WHEREAS, By Executive Order No. 47, dated July 3, 1973, John J. Francis, Esq. was appointed hearing examiner to conduct a public hearing based on the charges prepared and served by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and to report to me his findings of fact and conclusions of law concerning those charges; and

WHEREAS, The special hearing officer conducted public hearings on the charges against James J. Bonafield between October 10 and October 24, 1973 and during the course of said hearing received testimony and exhibits placed into evidence by James J. Bonafield through his attorney and by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The hearing examiner on December 4, 1973 submitted to me his final report containing findings of fact and conclusions of law concerning the charges against James J. Bonafield and recommending that the said James J. Bonafield be dismissed from office as a Judge of Compensation; and

WHEREAS, I have received from the special hearing officer the transcript of the hearing held before him and the exhibits placed into evidence at said hearings, and I have independently reviewed and studied said transcript and exhibits; and

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WHEREAS, After due notice the attorney for James J. Bonafield filed with me on December 20, 1973 his exceptions to the report, findings and recommendations of the special hearing officer, together with a brief relating to the final disposition of these charges, and the Attorney General filed with me on December 27, 1973 a response to said exceptions and brief; and

WHEREAS, After my independent study and review of the transcript, exhibits, report of the special hearing officer, exceptions and briefs, I have found beyond a reasonable doubt that James J. Bonafield is guilty of the charges brought against him by Commissioner Ronald M. Heymann;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William T. Cahill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the provisions of Article V, Section IV, Paragraph 5 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and the statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that:

1. The findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the report of the special hearing officer dated December 4, 1973, are hereby adopted and made part of this Order.
2. James J. Bonafield be and hereby is removed from his office as Judge of Compensation.
3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

[SEAL] Given, under my hand and seal this fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four, of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-eighth.

/s/ WILLIAM T. CAHILL,
Governor.

Attest:

/s/ JEAN E. MULFORD,
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