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**Former Judge Terrence C. Brown-Steiner Pleads Guilty to Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**

On Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 59-year-old Terrence C. Brown-Steiner pled guilty to Grand Larceny in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree before Acting County Court Judge Miller. This was the conclusion of a lengthy investigation conducted by the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, and in conjunction with the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Seventh Judicial District. This investigation concluded that Mr. Brown-Steiner stole money from clients of his legal practice as well as co-mingled those funds with his own over several years.

Prior to his plea, Mr. Brown-Steiner was disbarred from the practice of law and resigned from his position as East Rochester Town Justice. A substantial amount of the sums owed to his clients were paid by the New York State Lawyer's Funds for Clients.

As part of his plea agreement, Mr. Brown-Steiner will be sentenced to five years of probation supervision and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$268,911.97 through his probation term.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Jacob Ark of the Economic Crimes Bureau.

"The investigation and prosecution of former Judge Terrance Brown-Stein prove that nobody is above the law," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "I would like to thank the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and the Attorney Grievance Committee for assisting with the investigation that led to Mr. Brown-Steiner's admission of guilt. Any type of theft is wrong, especially when taking advantage of one's trusting clients."

Terrance Brown-Steiner will be sentenced on March 5, 2020, in front of Acting Monroe County Court Judge Stephen T. Miller.

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