

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In re the Matter of) No. 89-878-F-16
HONORABLE JAMES M. MURPHY,) ANSWER
Judge of the Superior Court)
Spokane County Superior Court)
West 1116 Broadway)
P.O. Box 470)
Spokane, WA 99260-0090)

The Honorable James M. Murphy, appearing by and through his attorney, J. Donald Curran, does hereby admit, deny and allege as follows:

1. Admits the Background paragraphs (1), (2) and (3).
2. Admits the Facts Supporting Charges paragraph (1).
3. Denies the paragraph entitled Basis for Commission Action in that under the circumstances of this case, there has not been a violation of Canon 2 (A) of the Code of Judicial Conduct (CJC).

By way of further answer to the Statement of Charges, it is alleged that the Honorable James M. Murphy has, for many years, conducted himself with judicial propriety in fact and appearance, and the incident of May 20, 1989 was an isolated event unlikely to be repeated.

WHEREFORE, having answered the Statement of Charges, it is requested that the same be dismissed with prejudice.

Dated at Spokane, Washington this 7th day of May, 1990.

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