

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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COMMISSION ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In re the Matter of)
)
Harry R. Slusher,) No. 91-1205-F-28
Family Law Commissioner)
King County Superior Court) STIPULATION AND
C-903 King County Courthouse) AGREEMENT PURSUANT
516 Third Avenue) TO WAC 292-12-010(6)
Seattle, WA 98104-2381)
_____)

Pursuant to WAC 292-12-010(6), the Commission on Judicial Conduct ("Commission") and Harry R. Slusher ("Respondent"), Family Law Commissioner of the King County Superior Court, do hereby stipulate and agree as provided herein:

STIPULATION

1. Respondent served as a full-time Court Commissioner for King County Superior Court on a contractual basis effective August 30, 1990 to December 31, 1990. Effective January 1, 1991, Respondent serves as Family Law Commissioner on a full-time employee basis. Prior to serving in these capacities, Respondent was attorney of record for Diane Fanning in Cause No. 88-3-09032-1, Diane Fanning v. Kenneth Fanning.

2. As a result of the temporary, then the full appointment, Respondent informed his client that she would be represented by a former partner, Ms. Pamela D.O. Larson. This client was consistently told that any questions or advice must be directed to Ms. Larson.

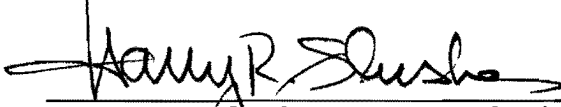
3. Thereafter, Respondent communicated with counsel for Kenneth Fanning on numerous occasions between December 13, 1990 and October 15, 1991. The nature of the communications involved efforts to secure funds for his former client from which Respondent would be compensated for fees earned prior to August 30, 1990.

4. Respondent has communicated with interested persons after his appointment as a Superior Court Commissioner for the purpose of collecting professional fees owing in that matter. The Commission has determined that such communications constitute conduct which is in violation of Canon 5(F) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.


AGREEMENT

5. Respondent accepts the Commission's determination that his described conduct constitutes the practice of law and agrees to not engage in such conduct in the future.

DATED this 25 day of MARCH, 1992.



Harry R. Slusher, Respondent




Steven A. Reisler, Chair
Commission on Judicial Conduct

ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT

Based upon the above Stipulation, the Commission hereby orders, and Respondent is hereby admonished, for a violation of Canon 5(F) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

DATED this 3 day of April, 1992.



Steven A. Reisler, Chair
Commission on Judicial Conduct