

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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COMMISSION ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In Re the Matter of)
)
Honorable Steve M. Clough)
Evergreen District Court)
14414 179th Avenue S.E.)
P.O. Box 625)
Monroe, WA 98272-0625)
_____)

No. 92-1229-F-32

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT
PURSUANT TO WAC 292-12-020(6)
AND ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT

The Commission on Judicial Conduct ("Commission") and the Honorable Steve M. Clough ("Respondent"), Judge of the Evergreen District Court, Snohomish County, do hereby stipulate and agree as provided for herein.

The Commission on Judicial Conduct is represented in these proceedings by David Akana, counsel for the Commission, and the Honorable Steve M. Clough represented himself.

STIPULATION

1. On January 17, 1992, the Honorable Steve M. Clough, Judge of the Evergreen District Court, presided over Cause No. 126202, State of Washington v. John C. Breckenridge. The defendant, John C. Breckenridge, was charged with committing traffic infractions of violating the mandatory helmet law (RCW 46.37.530) and expired vehicle license (RCW 46.16.010). Defendant was present in court to contest the charges.

2. Respondent called the case and stated the charges. The deputy sheriff testified about stopping the defendant. Respondent asked some questions.

3. After the exchange between the defendant and deputy sheriff, the defendant's

presentation caused Respondent to demonstrate less patience and courtesy towards the defendant.

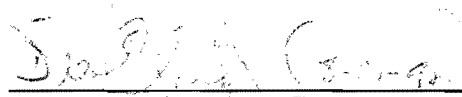
4. After the case was closed but before the next case was called, Respondent audibly stated in the record: "You don't think Mr. Breckenridge drives around baiting officers do ya, just hoping to get stopped so he can get a little debate going. What it looks like to me."

5. The Commission and Respondent stipulate that while serving in his capacity as judge of the Evergreen District Court, Snohomish County, Washington, Judge Clough did act contrary to Canon 3(A)(3) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

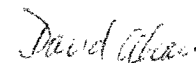
AGREEMENT

6. Respondent does hereby agree to accept an admonishment as described in RCW 2.64.055 and 2.64.010(1). Respondent accepts the Commission's determination that his described conduct constitutes a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct and agrees not to engage in such conduct in the future.

DATED this 19th day of August, 1992.



Honorable Steve M. Clough




David Akana, WSBA #5523
Counsel for Commission on Judicial Conduct

ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT

Based on the above Stipulation and Agreement, the Commission hereby orders and Respondent is hereby admonished for the above set forth violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

DATED this 4 day of September 1992.


Pamela T. Praeger, Chair
Commission on Judicial Conduct