

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 William J. O'Roarty)
King County District Court)
Northeast Division)
P.O. Box 425)
Redmond, WA 98073-0425)

No. 92-1244-F- 38

**STIPULATION AND ORDER
OF ADMONISHMENT**

The Commission on Judicial Conduct ("Commission") and the Honorable William J. O'Roarty ("Respondent"), Judge of the King County District Court, do hereby stipulate and agree as provided for herein.

The Commission is represented in these proceedings by David Akana, Commission counsel, and the Honorable William J. O'Roarty represented himself.

STIPULATION

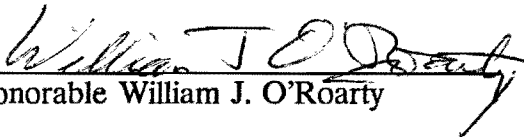
1. The Honorable William J. O'Roarty, Respondent herein, is now and was at all times discussed herein a Judge of the King County District Court, Northeast Division.
2. On or about February 7, 1992, Respondent conducted an arraignment hearing concerning a charge of no valid operator's license in State v. Chester E. Van Antwerp, Cause No. 139030. During the proceeding, Respondent directed sensitive questions and comments to the defendant related to AIDS. At the time, the courtroom was crowded with spectators and others awaiting their turn to address the court.
3. Respondent's comments and questions appeared to others to be demeaning and to violate the defendant's basic expectation of privacy.


4. The Commission and Respondent stipulate that while serving in his capacity as judge of the King County District Court, Judge O'Roarty did act contrary to Canons 1, 2(A), and 3(A)(3) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

AGREEMENT

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 22^d day of March, 1993.

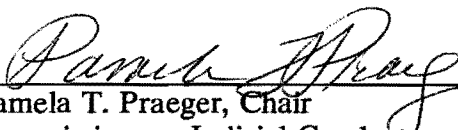

Honorable William J. O'Roarty


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 violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

DATED this 2 day of April, 1993.



Pamela T. Praeger, Chair
Commission on Judicial Conduct