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BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re the Matter of) No. 92-1260-F-39
Honorable Jerry J. Moberg Grant County Superior Court Division and 'C' Streets NW P.O. Box 37 Ephrata, WA 98823-0037	STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO WAC 292-12-020(6) AND ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT)

The Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Honorable

Jerry J. Moberg, formerly of the Grant County Superior Court, do

hereby stipulate and agree as provided for herein. This

stipulation shall not become effective until approved by the

Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct.

The Commission on Judicial Conduct is represented in these proceedings by its special counsel, Peter D. Byrnes and Paul R. Taylor of Byrnes & Keller, and the Honorable Jerry J. Moberg is representing himself.

A. RECITALS

1. On June 10, 1991, Respondent entered into a contract with Central Washington University, a public university, to teach a class in the School of Professional Studies. Pursuant to the contract, Respondent was to receive compensation of \$2,000.

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At the time Respondent entered into the contract, Ethics Advisory Committee Opinion No. 89-1 (February 1, 1989) advised that a full-time judge could accept compensation for teaching classes at a university. Before commencing teaching, a new opinion was issued advising that superior court judges were prohibited from accepting compensation for teaching at public universities. Ethics Advisory Committee Opinion No. 91-21 (June 24, 1991). Respondent was advised of, and read, Opinion No. 91-21 after agreeing to teach the class but before commencing teaching at Central Washington University. Nevertheless, Respondent accepted compensation in the amount of \$2,000 for teaching the class. Respondent adjusted his courtroom hours to accommodate his teaching schedule.

- 2. In 1992, while sitting as an elected Superior Court Judge in Grant County, Washington, but after announcing his pending resignation as a judge, Respondent had discussions with persons concerning possible representation of those persons upon his return to private practice.
- 3. On July 2, 1992, Respondent was served, by certified mail, with a Statement of Allegations.

B. STIPULATION

1. Based upon the foregoing recitals, Respondent stipulates that while serving in his capacity as Superior Court Judge of Grant County, Washington, he violated Canons 1, 2(A),

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2(B) and 5(A) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, and Article IV, Section 15 of the Washington State Constitution.

- 2. 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 actions, as described herein, constitute a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, and agrees that:
 - a. Respondent shall make restitution to Central Washington University in the amount of \$2,000 within 30 days of the approval of this Stipulation by the Commission;
 - b. Respondent shall not serve as a judge pro tem in any court in the state of Washington for four years following the approval of this Stipulation;
 - c. In the event that Respondent should, during the five year period following the approval of this Stipulation by the Commission, seek election or appointment to a full-time position on the bench of any court of the state of Washington, he shall first advise the Commission of his intention and represent to the Commission, in writing, that he has read, and is familiar with, the provision of the Code of Judicial Conduct and all Washington Ethics Advisory Opinions.

DATED this 22 day of

, 1993.

Honorable Jerry J. Moberg

Peter D. Byrnes

Paul R. Taylor

Counsel for Commission on

Judicial Conduct

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ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT

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

DATED this 6 day of Magnet

, 1993.

Pamela T. Praeger, Chair, Commission on Judicial Conduct

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