

IN RE: HON. RALPH J. PERKINS, Judge, Pend Oreille County District Court. J.D. NO. 10 ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION PURSUANT TO WAG 292-12-020(6) AND WASHINGTON STATE CONSTITUTION ARTICLE LV, SECTION 31

A Stipulation Pursuant to WAC 292-12-020(6) and Washington State Constitution Article IV, Section 31, was entered into by the Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Respondent, the Honorable Ralph L. Perkins, Judge, Pend Oreille County District Court, on October 14, 1993 and an Order Of Closure was entered by the Commission on October 21, 1993. The Stipulation and Order of Closure were filed with the Supreme Court on October 27, 1993. The Court considered the matter on November 4, 1993, at the En Banc Administrative Conference. It is hereby;

ORDERED:

The Stipulation Pursuant to WAC 292-12-020(6) and Washington State Constitution Article IV, Section 31 is approved. Respondent Judge Ralph L. Perkins has stipulated and agreed to the facts as set forth in the Stipulation and agrees that while serving as a District Court Judge of Pend Oreille County Washington, he violated Canons 1 and 2(A) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Based on such facts the Commission could impose a

FILED NOV **9 199**5 sanction of censure and find his pattern of behavior inappropriate for one holding a judicial office and recommend to the State Supreme Court his removal from the bench, therefore, Respondent agrees to immediately submit his resignation from office with an effective date of no later than December 1, 1993, and to in fact resign and terminate his judicial duties no later than December 1, 1993. Respondent shall neither seek nor serve in any judicial office in the State of Washington unless and until:

 He has filed a Petition for Reinstatement of Eligibility pursuant to WAC 292-12-160 and,
After a hearing, the Commission has made a recommendation to the State Supreme Court that he has made an affirmative showing that reinstatement would not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the judiciary and the administration of justice, or be contrary to the public interest, and,

3. That the State Supreme Court has entered an order reinstating his eligibility to hold judicial office.

Further, in exchange for Respondents stipulated agreement to resign from office as provided, the Commission agrees to accept the resignation and to close the investigation and proceeding

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without a hearing. Respondent agrees that he hereby waives his procedural rights pursuant to WAC 292-12-060 and his appeal rights pursuant to WAC 292-12-150 and Article IV, Section 31 of the Washington State Constitution in this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this <u>5</u>th day of November, 1993.

I. L.I. ICE CHIEF



STATE OF WASHINGTON) SS.

I, C. J. Merritt, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original on file in my

office. 43 Dated this day of Moten By_