

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

TO:

In Re the Matter of

Honorable W. Edward Allan **Grant County District Court** Division & C Streets N.W. P.O. Box 37 Ephrata, WA 98823

No. 92-1257-F-44

ORDER OF REPRIMAND AND CLOSURE

Counsel for the Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Honorable W. Edward Allan of the Grant County District Court ("Respondent" herein) have filed a Stipulation dated May 3, 1994 which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Therein, Respondent agreed to accept a Reprimend as described in RCW 2,64,055 and 2.64.010(6). Respondent will resign from office effective December 31, 1994 and shall not seek or serve in any judicial capacity under the jurisdiction of the Commission on Judicial Conduct in the future.

Based upon the Stipulation and Agreement, the Commission on Judicial Conduct hereby orders and Respondent is hereby reprimanded for the described violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Further, based upon Respondent's resignation and stipulation, the Commission hereby orders closure of this proceeding and investigation without a hearing. Such resignation shall serve the required corrective course of action.

Commission on Judicial Conduct

ORDER OF CLOSURE

Pursuant to WAC 292-12-020(6), the Commission on Judicial Conduct ("Commission") and W. Edward Allan, Judge of the Grant County District Court ("Respondent"), do hereby stipulate and agree as provided herein:

STIPULATION

- 1. The Commission has determined that Respondent, while serving as Judge of the Grant County District Court, did commit acts of judicial misconduct contrary to Canons 1, 2, 3 and 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.
 - A. During the years 1988-1990, Respondent engaged in intemperate behavior toward his benchmate, Judge Carl Warring, consisting of written notes and verbal comments witnessed by other persons.
 - B. Respondent made derogatory remarks about defendants within the hearing of court personnel and other persons.
 - C. Respondent verbally abused court personnel or made derogatory comments about them to third persons.
 - D. Respondent made comments of a sexual nature which were regarded as vulgar and unwelcome.
 - E. Respondent displayed a lack of impartiality in his administrative duties regarding personnel.
 - F. Respondent asked court employees under his supervision and control to engage in support of his re-election campaign during court time.
- 2. The Commission investigation found no evidence that the aforementioned conduct affected any decision rendered by Respondent while he served as Judge. The Commission on Judicial Conduct believes it has evidence to substantiate Allegations B, C, D, E and F, however, the Respondent denies those allegations.
- 3. With regard to Allegation A, intemperate behavior towards his benchmate, the Respondent agrees and stipulates to accept the Reprimand imposed by the Commission and will not contest the

Commission's determination as to the facts set forth above and imposition of the Reprimand.

- 4. The Respondent agrees that he will resign from office effective December 31, 1994. In exchange for that resignation, the Commission on Judicial Conduct will close further proceedings in this matter. Order of Closure is based upon Respondent's stipulation he will not seek or serve in any judicial office in the future.
- 5. Based upon the Stipulation and Agreement of Respondent set forth herein, the Commission hereby orders closure of this complaint, having determined that the conduct violates Canons 1, 2, 3 and 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

DATED this _______, 1994.

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ORDER

Based upon the Stipulation and agreement of Respondent set forth herein, the Commission hereby orders closure of this proceeding and investigation without hearing.

DATED this 6th day of May, 1994.

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PAMELA T. PRAEGER, Chair

Commission on Judicial Conduct

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