

# THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN RE: )  
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 THORNTON BASIL HATTER, )  
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 JUDGE PRO TEMPORE, )  
 JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT )  
 COURT. )  
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J.D. NO. 11  
 ORDER/OPINION

FILED  
 SUPREME COURT  
 STATE OF WASHINGTON  
 94 DEC 8 P 2.37  
 BY C. J. MERRITT  
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On October 24, 1994, pursuant to DRJ 2, a Decision of the Commission on Judicial Conduct was filed with the Supreme Court in the matter of Judge Pro Tempore, Thornton Basil Hatter. The Commission decision censured Judge Hatter and recommended that the Supreme Court disqualify him from serving in any judicial office. Judge Hatter did not file a Notice of Contest of the Commission decision. Pursuant to DRJ 9, the Supreme Court considered the matter without oral argument on December 8, 1994, during the En Banc Administrative Conference. The Court did unanimously approve the Commission on Judicial Conduct decision.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

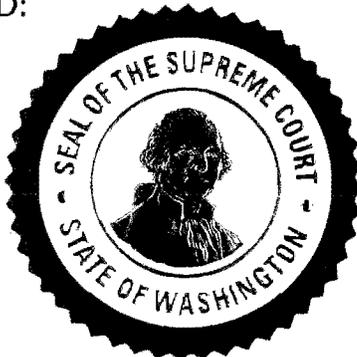
STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 COUNTY OF THURSTON ) ss.

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.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1994

By C. J. Merritt

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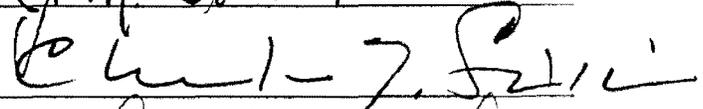


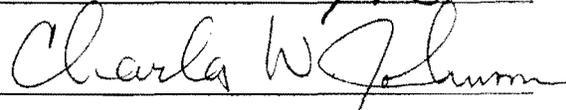
The decision of the Commission on Judicial Conduct to censure Judge Pro Tempore Hatter is approved. The Court agrees that the conduct of Judge Pro Tempore Thornton Basil Hatter violated the Code of Judicial Conduct, detrimentally affected the integrity of the judiciary, and undermined public confidence in the administration of justice. Judge Pro Tempore Hatter has demonstrated an absence of the personal and professional qualities which are necessary to hold judicial office and therefore he is henceforth disqualified from serving in any judicial office.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1994.

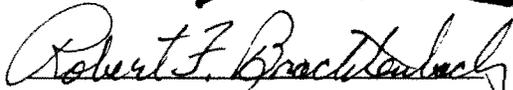
  
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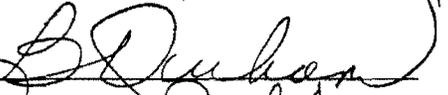
  
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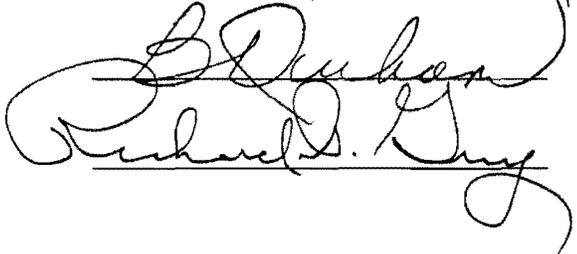
  
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