

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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COMMISSION ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT

IN RE THE MATTER OF)

Commissioner Harry R. Slusher)
King County Superior Court)
King County Courthouse)
516 Third Avenue, Room C-903)
Seattle, WA 98104-2381)

No. 93-1518-F-43

STIPULATION AND
AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO
WAC 292-12-020(6) AND
ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT

The Commission on Judicial Conduct ("Commission") and the Honorable Harry R. Slusher ("Respondent"), Commissioner of the King County Superior Court, do hereby stipulate and agree as provided herein.

The Commission is represented in these proceedings by David Akana, Commission counsel, and the Honorable Harry R. Slusher represented himself.

STIPULATION

1. On January 22, 1993, the Honorable Harry R. Slusher, a Commissioner of the King County Superior Court, conducted a hearing in Cause No. 87-3-09460-3, Elofson v. Elofson. While the attorneys for both parties were discussing settlement outside the courtroom, Respondent engaged in casual and cordial conversation in the courtroom with one of the parties for several minutes. This conversation was observed but was not participated in by the other party.

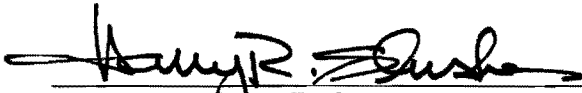
2. After the attorneys returned to the courtroom, Respondent heard the remaining issues and made a ruling on the matter.

3. Although there is no evidence that Respondent discussed matters concerning the ongoing proceeding, the conduct created an appearance of impropriety.

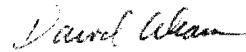
AGREEMENT

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 Canons 1, 2(A) and 3(A)(4) of the Code of Judicial Conduct and agrees that he will exercise caution to avoid repeating the violation in the future.

DATED this 27 day of MARCH, 1994.



Honorable Harry R. Slusher

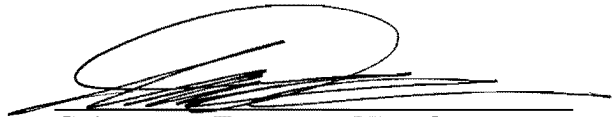


David Akana, WSBA #5523
Counsel for Commission on Judicial Conduct

ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT

Based on the above stipulation and agreement, the Commission hereby orders and Respondent is hereby admonished for violating Canons 1, 2(A) and 3(A)(4) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

DATED this 1ST day of April, 1994.



G. Douglas Ferguson, Vice-Chair
Commission on Judicial Conduct