

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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COMMISSION ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT

In Re the Matter of)
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Honorable Charles H. Thronson) No. 93-1548-F-45
Judge Pro Tempore)
Walla Walla Municipal Court) **STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**
328 W. Rose Street) **PURSUANT TO WAC 292-12-020(6)**
P.O. Box 1762) **AND ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT**
Walla Walla, WA 99362-0033)
_____)

The Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Honorable Charles H. Thronson, Judge Pro Tempore of the Walla Walla Municipal 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 counsel, David Akana, and the Honorable Charles H. Thronson represented himself.

A. RECITALS

1. The Honorable Charles H. Thronson, Respondent herein, is now and was at all times discussed herein a Judge Pro Tempore of the Walla Walla Municipal Court, Walla Walla, Washington.

2. On May 18, 1993, Respondent conducted a hearing in Cause No. 11449, City of Walla Walla v. Shawn Evans. A record of the proceedings indicated that Respondent was rude in tone and manner to the defendant, calling him names such as "smart aleck", telling him to "shut up before you go to jail", and lecturing him on being a loser.

3. On March 3, 1994, Respondent was served, by certified

mail, with a Statement of Allegations identifying violations of Canons 1, 2(A), and 3(A)(3) of the Code of Judicial Conduct (CJC).

4. Respondent replied to the Statement of Allegations stating he did not doubt that the tape recorder accurately recorded the proceedings. He stated that he says such things seldom and then only for good reason.

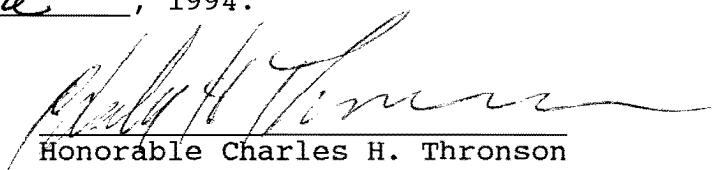
5. Respondent believes that his behavior was justified because the case was a criminal matter and that the defendant earlier had pled guilty.


B. STIPULATION

1. Based upon the foregoing recitals, Respondent stipulates that while serving in his capacity as Judge Pro Tempore of the Walla Walla Municipal Court, Walla Walla,, Washington, he did violate Canons 1, 2(A), and 3(A)3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

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 described conduct constitutes a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, and agrees that he will exercise caution to avoid repeating the violation in the future.

DATED this 6th day of June, 1994.



Honorable Charles H. Thronson


David Akana
Counsel for Commission on
Judicial Conduct, WSBA No. 5523

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 5th day of August, 1994.


Chair,
Commission on Judicial Conduct