BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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COMMISSION ON

In Re the Matter of Honorable Andrew L. Monson Judge, North District Court County Courthouse, 2nd Floor P.O. Box 134 South Bend, WA 98586-0134

No. 93-1568-F-50

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

The Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Honorable Andrew L. Monson, Judge of the Pacific County North District 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 Andrew L. Monson represented himself.

A. <u>RECITALS</u>

1. The Honorable Andrew L. Monson, Respondent herein, was at all times discussed herein a part-time Judge of the Pacific County North District Court, South Bend, Washington.

2. On January 31, 1993, Respondent was contacted in his capacity as an attorney at law by a defendant, Catherine Nolan, at the Pacific County Jail in South Bend. Respondent gave defendant a synopsis of the implied consent law and allowed defendant to make her own decision.

3. On April 28, 1993, Respondent conducted a hearing in

Cause No. 7084898, <u>State v. Nolan</u>. The defendant was the same person Respondent spoke with over the telephone at the jail on January 31, 1993.

4. On November 19, 1992, Respondent signed a bench warrant for the defendant, Carl Stigall, in Case/citation No. CT779-92, <u>State v. Stigall</u>. On January 19, 1993, Respondent was defendant's attorney when the same bench warrant was used as the basis of an arrest by the Pacific County Sheriff's Office.

5. Respondent resigned from office on July 29, 1994 for reasons unrelated to this matter.

6. On October 2, 1992, Respondent was admonished by the Commission on Judicial Conduct for failing to promptly dispose the business of the Court. See CJC No. 92-1238-F-36.

B. <u>STIPULATION</u>

1. Based upon the foregoing recitals, Respondent agrees and stipulates that while serving in his capacity as Judge of the Pacific County North District Court, as above described, he did violate Canons 1, 2(A), and 3(C)(1)(b, c, and d(ii)) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

2. Respondent agrees and accepts the Commission's determination that his described conduct constitute violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

3. Respondent agrees that, in the future, when practicing as a lawyer and performing the functions of a judge, he will disqualify himself where his impartiality might reasonably be questioned. DATED this 27th day of January, 1995.

Honorable Andrew L. Monson

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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 319 day of <u>Albruary</u>, 1995.

Ruth Schroeder, Chair, Commission on Judicial Conduct