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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT  
FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In re the Matter of ) NO. 94-1693-F  
The Honorable MERLE E. WILCOX, ) STIPULATION AND ORDER  
District and Municipal Courts )  
of Island County and Oak Harbor )  
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I. STIPULATION

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 31 of the Washington Constitution, RCW ch. 2.64, and CJCRP 23, the Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct ("Commission") and the Honorable Merle Wilcox stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The Commission alleged in a statement of charges, that Judge Wilcox failed to comply with the Commission's December 1, 1995, Order of Censure and by this conduct has violated the Code of Judicial Conduct.

2. Judge Wilcox denies these allegations.

3. The parties agree that the interests of justice will best be served if this stipulation is entered and approved, as set forth.

4. Judge Wilcox agrees that his execution of this Stipulation constitutes his resignation from office, effective as of January 1, 1997, as set forth in the attached resignation letter.

5. Judge Wilcox agrees that after December 31, 1996, he shall not serve in any judicial position that is subject to the Code of Judicial Conduct.

6. The Commission shall close this matter without further proceedings, effective January 1, 1997.

7. This Stipulation shall not become effective until approved by the Commission on Judicial Conduct. If the Stipulation is not accepted, the matter will proceed as though this Stipulation was not entered into.

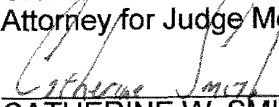
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HONORABLE MERLE E. WILCOX


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12 **II. ORDER**

13 Based upon the Stipulation of Judge Wilcox set forth above, the Commission  
14 hereby orders closure of this proceeding, effective January 1, 1997.

15 DATED this 21 day of November, 1996.

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19 MARGO KELLER, Chair  
20 Washington Commission on  
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TO: The State of Washington, the County of Island, and the City of Oak Harbor

I hereby resign as a judge of the Island County District Court, and the Oak Harbor Municipal Court, effective January 1, 1997.

Dated: 11/18/96

  
HONORABLE MERLE E. WILCOX