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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re the Matter of)	
)	CJC NO. 95-1937-F-67
HONORABLE A. EUGENE)	
HAMMERMASTER, Judge)	ANSWER TO AMENDED
)	CHARGES
Sumner, Orting and South)	
Prairie Municipal Courts,)	
Pierce County, Washington.)	

COMES NOW, the Honorable A. Eugene Hammermaster, by and through his attorney Kurt M. Bulmer, and Answers the Amended Statement of Charges served on him April 22, 1998.

1. Except as to the sections as noted hereafter Respondent's Prior Answer is incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

2. The Amended Statement of Charges contains a new section, I. Background - Part C, relating to the Initial Proceedings in connection with the Amended Statement of Charges. This section is admitted.

3. The Amended Statement of Charges contains a reorganized section, I. Facts Supporting Charges - Part B, relating to allegations in connection with taking of guilty pleas and allegations in connection with trials held in absentia. The allegations relating to trials held in absentia are the same as contained in the original Statement of Charges and are answered

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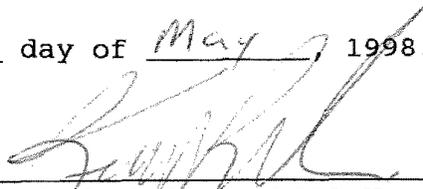
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in the original Answer. The allegations relating to the accepting of guilty pleas are new, except that the cases cited in support are all found elsewhere in the Statement of Charges. As to the allegations concerning the taking of guilty pleas, they are denied.

4. All other sections of the Amended Statement of Charges are either the same or substantially the same as contained in the original Statement of Charges and have been answered in the original Answer in this matter.

Dated this 8th day of May, 1998.


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