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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN RE THE MATTER OF:

The Honorable Charles Baechler

No. 98-2912-F-71

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 31 of the Washington Commission, Chapter 2.64 RCW, and CJCRP, the Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct ("Commission") and the Honorable Charles A. Baechler ("Respondent") hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The Commission believes it has reason to commence an investigation pursuant to its constitutional authority based upon information concerning the conduct of Respondent. The Commission believes that such conduct, if established, would support a determination that Respondent has violated the Code of Judicial Conduct.

2. Respondent does not admit to violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Respondent does not dispute that the Commission, if it can establish violations of the Code, can take appropriate action under Article IV, Section 31 of the Washington Constitution.

3. Respondent has resigned from his present position as judge of the Pend Oreille District Court and is not performing judicial functions. Respondent agrees that his execution of this Stipulation constitutes his resignation from both present and future terms of office, effective November 2, 1998, as set forth in the resignation letter attached hereto.

4. Respondent agrees that following the execution of the Stipulation, he shall not seek or serve in any position performing judicial functions without first securing approval from the Commission in the manner provided in CJCRP 28, or its successor or replacement. Respondent

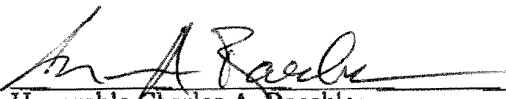
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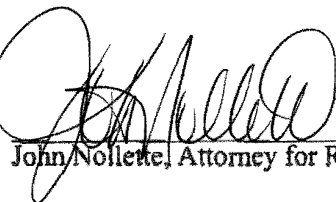
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3 qualifications organization pursuant to CJCRP 11(b)(1)(A) and 11(b)(7).

4 5. Upon acceptance of this stipulation, the Commission shall close this matter without  
5 further proceedings, and the Commission may take any steps necessary to close corollary matters.

6 6. This Stipulation shall not become effective until approval by the Commission on  
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8 Stipulation was not entered into.

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11 Honorable Charles A. Baechler

Dated: Nov 12, 1998

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14 John Nollette, Attorney for Respondent  
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ORDER

Based upon the Stipulation of Judge Charles A. Baechler set forth above, the Commission hereby orders closure of this proceeding effective ~~November~~ <sup>December</sup> 4, 1998.

Dated this 4 day of DECEMBER, 1998.

  
Gregory R. Dallaire, Chair  
Commission on Judicial Conduct

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1 TO: The State of Washington and the County of Pend Oreille

2 I hereby resign as judge of the Pend Oreille District Court, effective November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1998.

3 This resignation is effective for the present elected term and, because I am running unopposed for the  
4 same position, for the future term of office which commences in January, 1999.

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7 The Honorable Charles A. Baechler

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