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BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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In Re the Matter of: )  
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The Honorable Peter M. Lukevich, Judge )  
Tukwila Municipal Court )  
6200 Southcenter Boulevard )  
Tukwila, WA 98188 )  
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NO. 3037-F-86  
STIPULATION, AGREEMENT  
AND ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT

The Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Honorable Peter M. Lukevich, Judge of the Tukwila Municipal Court, Tukwila, Washington, do hereby stipulate and agree as provided for herein pursuant to CJCRP 23. This stipulation shall not become effective until approved by the Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct.

**STIPULATED FACTS**

1. The Honorable Peter M. Lukevich (Respondent), was at all times discussed herein a judge of the Tukwila Municipal Court, Tukwila, Washington, and has been since his appointed term began on January 1, 1998.

2. Judge Lukevich presided over hearings on the following dates involving the following defendants:

- a. Jackie Dempere -- Case numbers CR0023205 and CR0027909, Court tape number 99-010-891, January 12, 1999, and Court tape number 99-044-390, February 16, 1999.

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- b. Ricardo Curry – Case number CR0024931, Court tape number 99-005-1451, January 6, 1999, and Court tape number 99-031-150, February 3, 1999.
- c. Lonnie Sylvan – Case number CR0027407, Court tape number 99-151-660, May 25, 1999.

3. During the course of each of these hearings, Judge Lukevich used an arguably harsh and inappropriate tone and manner of interaction with the defendants. Were the matter to proceed to a hearing, the defendants would testify they felt that Judge Lukevich was rude and demeaning in his interaction with them. Judge Lukevich would testify that his intention was not to humiliate the defendants or to be rude to them but to insure compliance with court rules and to convey the seriousness of the proceedings.

4. Judge Lukevich agrees in hindsight that his comments could be perceived as harsh and inappropriate.

5. On December 27, 1999, pursuant to CJCRP 17(e), the Commission sent a certified letter to Respondent informing him that the Commission was pursuing Initial Proceedings. Enclosed with the letter was a Statement of Allegations.

6. On January 31, 2000, Respondent formally responded to the Statement of Allegations.

7. On June 29, 2000, the Commission determined that probable cause exists to believe that Respondent has violated Canon 3(A)(3) of the Code of Judicial Conduct (CJC). On July 7, 2000, the Commission served a Statement of Charges upon Respondent.

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8. On July 20, 2000, the Commission received a letter from Respondent requesting an extension of time to file an answer. The Commission granted an extension and the Respondent's Answer to Statement of Charges was filed on August 21, 2000.

9. In entering this stipulation, the Commission takes into account Respondent's cooperation during the course of proceedings and his statements of willingness to improve his judicial demeanor.

**AGREEMENT**

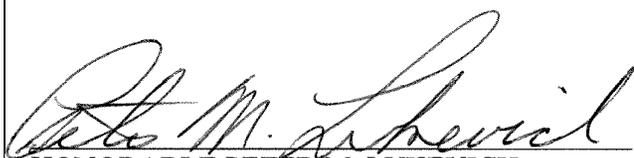
1. Based upon the foregoing stipulated facts, Respondent and the Commission agree that a fact finder could reasonably find that Respondent did violate Canon 3(A)(3) of the Code of Judicial Conduct by making harsh or rude comments in his official capacity.

2. Respondent agrees to attend at his own expense training in demeanor and communication style approved in advance by the Chair of the Commission. Such course shall be completed within one year from the date of filing of this agreement. Upon satisfactory completion, Respondent shall file a declaration with the Commission that the course was completed.

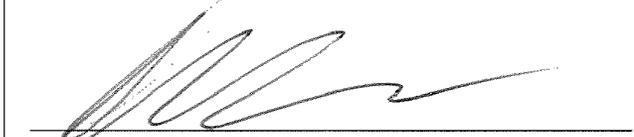
3. Respondent further agrees that he will not retaliate against any person known or suspected to have cooperated with the Commission, or otherwise associated with this matter.

4. Respondent agrees that by entering into this Stipulation and Agreement he hereby waives his procedural rights and appeal rights pursuant to the Commission on Judicial Conduct Rules of Procedure and Article IV, Section 31 of the Washington State Constitution in this proceeding.

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HONORABLE PETER M. LUKEVICH

11-25-00  
Date

  
ANNE BREMNER, WSB #13269  
Counsel for Respondent

11-29-00  
Date

  
CURTIS M. JANHUNEN, WSB #4168  
Disciplinary Counsel

11/14/00  
Date

**ORDER**

Based upon the above Stipulation and Agreement, the Commission on Judicial Conduct hereby ORDERS and Judge Peter M. Lukevich is hereby ADMONISHED for violating Canon 3(A)(3) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Respondent shall fulfill the terms of the Agreement as above set forth.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER 2000.

  
GREGORY R. DALLAIRE, Chair  
Commission on Judicial Conduct