

**BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

In Re the Matter of

Honorable A. Eugene Hammermaster,
Former Judge
Sumner and Orting
Municipal Courts,
Pierce County, Washington

No. 3210-F-94

**RECONSIDERATION OF AND
GRANTING OF MOTION TO
DISMISS AND ORDER OF
CLOSURE**

The Honorable A. Eugene Hammermaster (Retired), former Judge of the Sumner and Orting Municipal Courts, Washington filed a document entitled "Stipulation and Renewal of Motion Pursuant to Order of Commission on Judicial Conduct" which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Therein, former Judge Hammermaster unilaterally stipulated to his ineligibility to hold future judicial office and moved the Commission to dismiss the proceeding on the grounds of his stipulated ineligibility.

After former Judge Hammermaster's censure and suspension by the Washington Supreme Court,¹ and following his return to judicial duties, the Commission found probable cause that Respondent violated rules of judicial conduct and issued a "Statement of Charges" publicly filed on October 8, 2001. A fact-finding hearing was scheduled to commence on March 4, 2002 in Tacoma, Washington.

Following Commission rulings on prehearing motions filed on February 5, 2002, Respondent stipulated to his ineligibility to hold judicial office and moved that

¹ *Discipline of Hammermaster*, 139 Wn.2d 211 (1999).

1 this proceeding be terminated.

2 The Commission has considered Respondent's stipulation of ineligibility, the
3 fact he has retired from his judicial offices, the potential costs to the State for
4 further proceedings, the fact that the Commission's finding of probable cause and
5 charges have been made public (incorporated herein by reference), and the fact
6 that Respondent has been previously censured and suspended from office. While
7 the Commission retains the jurisdiction and authority to proceed against a retired or
8 former judge, the overall goal of the Commission to maintain confidence and
9 integrity in the judicial system is adequately addressed by this disposition.


10 Therefore, the Commission hereby orders that:

11 1. Former Judge A. Eugene Hammermaster's stipulation is accepted
12 and he shall be disqualified and ineligible to hold any form of judicial office.

13 2. This proceeding shall be closed subject to any Commission action
14 necessary to enforce the disqualification and closure.

15 Dated this 4th day of March, 2002.

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17 COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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20 Hon. Michael E. Donohue, Presiding Officer

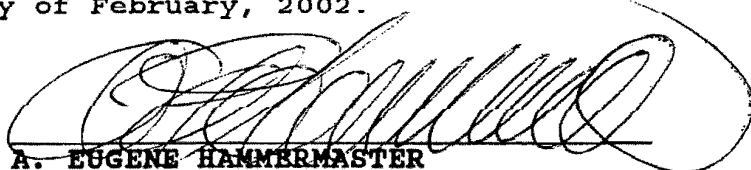
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9 HAMMERMASTER, Judge)
10 Sumner and Orting) STIPULATION AND RENEWAL
Municipal Courts,) OF MOTION PURSUANT TO
Pierce County, Washington) ORDER OF COMMISSION ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT DATED
FEBRUARY 4TH, 2002

11 COMES NOW, A. EUGENE HAMMERMASTER and, pursuant to that
12 certain Order of the Commission on Judicial Conduct dated
13 February 4th, 2002, stipulates that he is ineligible for
14 judicial office and herewith renews and/or requests
15 reconsideration of the previously filed Motion to Dismiss and
16 the granting of the same in accordance with the Order entered
17 herein on February 4th, 2002.

18 The foregoing Stipulation is made under penalty of
19 perjury under the laws of the State of Washington.

20 DATED this 7th day of February, 2002.

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A. EUGENE HAMMERMASTER
23 Respondent

24 *Stipulation and Renewal of Motion*
25 *Pursuant to Order of Commission*
26 *on Judicial Conduct dated February 4th, 2002*

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