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**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

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

In Re the Matter of

NO. 3713-F-105

CORRECTED  
ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The Honorable Ramon P. Reid

Toppenish and Wapato Municipal Court

Yakima County, Washington

The Respondent, the Honorable Ramon P. Reid (retired), former Judge of the Toppenish and Wapato Municipal Courts, filed with the Commission a motion, in the form of a letter dated September 15, 2003, stating that he had retired from his former municipal court positions in Toppenish and Wapato, effective September 1, 2003, and requesting that these disciplinary proceedings against him be terminated. The Respondent had previously filed with the Commission, on June 17, 2003, a Notice of Retirement wherein he stipulated that "my conduct, if established, would support a determination that I violated the Code of Judicial Conduct" and agreed that "I shall not seek or serve in any position performing judicial functions in the future without the prior approval of the Commission, except to perform marriages as allowed by law for retired judges."

By response dated September 17, 2003, Disciplinary Counsel Bruce A. Spanner supported the Respondent's September 15, 2003 motion to terminate these proceedings as in the public interest.

The Commission has considered (1) the fact the Commission has found probable cause that the Respondent violated the Code of Judicial Conduct and issued a Statement of Charges publicly filed on

1 May 23, 2003, which charges are incorporated hereby by reference; (2) the Respondent's agreement not  
2 to serve in any future judicial position without the Commission's approval (except to perform marriages  
3 as allowed by law for retired judges); (3) the fact that the Respondent has in fact retired from his judicial  
4 offices; (4) the Respondent's stipulation that his conduct, if established, would support a determination  
5 that he violated the Code of Judicial Conduct; (5) the potential costs to the State for further proceedings;  
6 and (6) the fact that the Respondent has been previously admonished, on October 5, 2001, by the  
7 Commission for violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct.  
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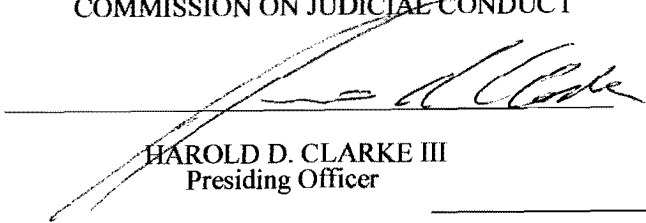
10 While the Commission retains the jurisdiction and authority to proceed against a retired or former  
11 judge, the goal of the Commission to maintain confidence and integrity in the judicial system is  
12 adequately addressed by a termination of these proceedings. Therefore, the Commission hereby orders  
13 that:  
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15 1. The Complaint No. 3713 pending against the Respondent be dismissed in the interest of  
16 justice and, pursuant to Respondent's agreement, Respondent shall not hereafter hold any form of judicial  
17 office without prior consent of the Commission provided the Respondent shall be allowed to perform  
18 marriages as allowed by law for retired judges.  
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20 2. These disciplinary proceedings shall be closed and terminated subject to any Commission  
21 action necessary to enforce the Respondent's disqualification from office and closure.  
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24 **DATED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.  
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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

  
HAROLD D. CLARKE III  
Presiding Officer