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3 BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
4 OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
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6 In re the matter of

7 THE HONORABLE JAMES J. HELBLING
8 Judge, Bonney Lake Municipal Court
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No. 4453-F-128

CERTIFICATE OF
COMPLETION AND ORDER

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11 The Commission on Judicial Conduct, pursuant to CJCRP 29(b), has
12 considered information submitted by the Honorable James J. Helbling. Based on the
13 information considered and attached and incorporated herein, the Commission herein
14 certifies that Judge Helbling has satisfactorily completed the terms and conditions of
15 paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Agreement section of the Stipulation, Agreement and Order
16 of Reprimand (II(B)(5), (6)) filed December 1, 2006.

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18 So ordered.

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20 Dated this 1st day of March, 2008.

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23 Wanda Briggs
24 Wanda Briggs, Chair
25 Commission on Judicial Conduct
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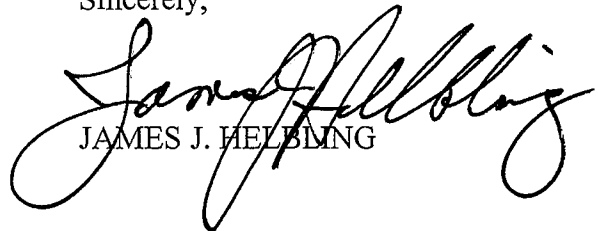
RE: Complaint No. 4453-F-128

Dear Mr. Twitty:

Pursuant to page 7, paragraph 5 of the stipulation, I certify that I have read and familiarized myself with the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Criminal Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, and the Criminal Procedure Benchbook for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction in their entirety.

Thank you for your consideration throughout this matter.

Sincerely,


JAMES J. HELBLING

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RE: Seminar Requirement

Dear Mr. Twitty:

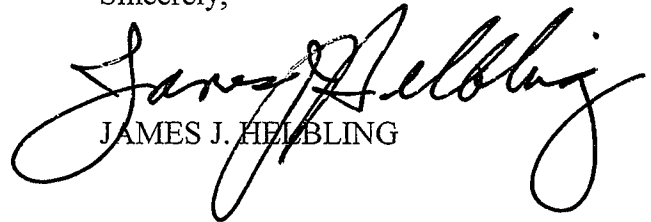
In my letter of January 25, 2008, I requested that CJC waive the seminar requirement, or in the alternative recognize my attendance at the District and Municipal Court Spring Program from June 3 through June 6, 2007, at the Red Lion Inn in Pasco. I requested the waiver for acceptance of the Spring Program Credits because AOC would not allow me to attend the Judicial College. Pursuant to your request, I enclose a copy of my letter to AOC of July 31, 2007, and a copy of my "CJE Recording Form." As indicated thereon, I received credits as follows:

1. Plenary Session on June 4, 2007. **This was an ethics course** 2.5 hours.
2. Plenary session on June 5, 2007, which involved "ex parte" communications. (You will remember part of the Commission's concern was my procedures with unrepresented defendants. **This was an ethics course**..... 1.5 hours.
3. Plenary session on June 6, 2007, "arraignments and guilty pleas," conducted by Judge Steiner. I am sure you will recall that the Commission's concerns involved arraignments and guilty pleas, which I immediately corrected after being contacted by the Commission. However, even though I had previously corrected my procedures, I still felt it would be beneficial to attend this session..... 1.75 hours.
4. I earned a total of 15.75 hours of credits at the seminar.

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Again, I respectfully ask the Commission to recognize my attendance at the Spring Conference as fulfilling the requirements of the agreement with the Commission. Thank you for your attention to this letter, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


JAMES J. HELBLING

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Enclosure