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BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In re the Matter of the)
Honorable Michael Hecht)
Former Judge, Pierce County)
Superior Court)

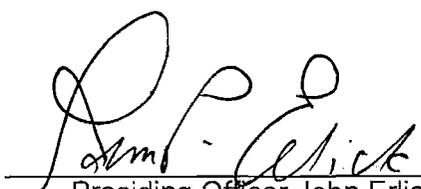
No. 5863-F-142
ORDER ON STIPULATION

The Commission Hearing Panel considered a stipulation signed by the parties on January 12, 2010 in the above-referenced case, attached and incorporated herein by reference, and voted to accept the stipulation and to adopt it as the order of the Commission. Based on the judgment in State v. Hecht, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 09-1-01051-1, the Hearing Panel finds that Respondent Michael Hecht has violated Canons 1 and 2(A) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. In determining an appropriate sanction, the panel will consider the complaint in State v. Hecht, the jury's verdict, and the judgment and sentence.

The Hearing Panel, in determining an appropriate sanction, will also consider briefs of the parties, which will be submitted to the Commission office on the following schedule:

Disciplinary Counsel shall file an opening brief by January 29, 2010. Respondent shall file his reply brief by February 12, 2010. Disciplinary counsel's responsive brief shall be filed no later than February 18, 2010. All briefs must be received in the Commission office on the date due no later than 5:00 pm. There will be no oral argument.

DATED this 14th day of January, 2010.



Presiding Officer John Erlick

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The Honorable Michael Hecht,) No. 5863-F-142
Judge of the Pierce County Superior Court)
) STIPULATION
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The undersigned stipulate as follows:

1. Based on the judgment in State v. Hecht, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 09-1-01051-1, Respondent has violated Canons 1 and 2(A) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. The only remaining issue in this matter is the appropriate sanction.

2. An evidentiary hearing is not necessary on the issue of the appropriate sanction. In considering the sanction, the Commission can consider the complaint in State v. Hecht, the jury's verdict, and the judgment and sentence.

3. The parties will submit briefing regarding the appropriate discipline. There will not be oral argument unless requested by the Commission.

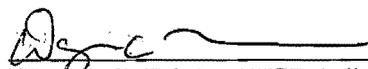
4. This stipulation is subject to approval by the Commission. If approved, the Commission will establish an appropriate briefing schedule.

DATED this 12 day of January, 2010.

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