

JUL 15 2016

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In re the Matter of:)	
The Honorable Gina A. Tveit,)	CJC No. 8088-F-170
Judge of the Stevens County District Court)	STIPULATION, AGREEMENT
)	AND ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT

The Washington State Commission on Judicial Conduct ("Commission") and Judge Gina A. Tveit of the Stevens County District Court ("Respondent"), stipulate and agree as provided herein. This stipulation is submitted pursuant to Article IV, Section 31 of the Washington Constitution and Rule 23 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

The Commission has been represented in these proceedings by Executive Director, J. Reiko Callner, and Respondent has been represented by attorney Jerry J. Moberg.

I. STIPULATED FACTS

1. Respondent is now, and was at all times referred to in this document, a Stevens County District Court Judge. She has served in that capacity since 2009, when she was first appointed to the bench. Since her appointment, Respondent won contested elections to her district court position in 2010 and 2014.

2. In relation to her 2014 judicial election, the Washington Public Disclosure Commission ("PDC") initiated an enforcement action against Respondent in June 2015. The PDC alleged Respondent failed to comply with state campaign reporting laws (RCW 42.17(A)) by accepting an in-kind contribution from her father that exceeded the individual contribution limits, and by not timely or properly filing required campaign finance reports listing contributions received and expenses incurred by her campaign.

1 agrees she failed to timely comply with the various state campaign reporting requirements, the
2 transgressions are related and confined to one election cycle. There is no indication the violations
3 were intentional or flagrant, or had any particular impact on the judicial election at issue.
4 Respondent has cooperated with this investigation and has no prior disciplinary record. These
5 factors all tend to mitigate the level of sanction.

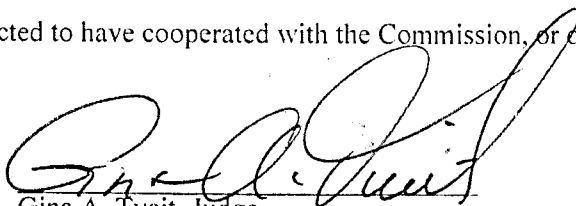
6 2. Weighing and balancing the above factors, Respondent and the Commission agree
7 that an admonishment is the appropriate level of sanction to impose in this matter. An
8 "admonishment" is a written action of the Commission of an advisory nature that cautions a
9 respondent not to engage in certain proscribed behavior. An admonishment may include a
10 requirement that the respondent follow a specified corrective course of action. Admonishment is
11 the least severe disciplinary action available to the Commission.

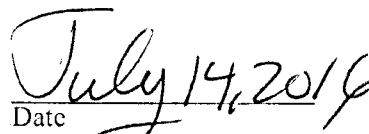
12 3. Respondent agrees that she will not repeat such conduct in the future.

13 4. Respondent agrees that she will promptly read and familiarize herself with the Code
14 of Judicial Conduct in its entirety, and provide the Commission with written confirmation of this fact
15 within one month of the date of entry of this stipulation, agreement and order.

16 5. Respondent agrees that by entering into this stipulation and agreement, she waives
17 her procedural rights and appeal rights in this proceeding pursuant to the Commission on Judicial
18 Conduct Rules of Procedure and Article IV, Section 31 of the Washington State Constitution.

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

21
22
23
24
25
26

Gina A. Tveit, Judge
Stevens County District Court


Date

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26



Jerry J. Moberg
Attorney for Respondent

Date



J. Reiko Callner
Commission on Judicial Conduct

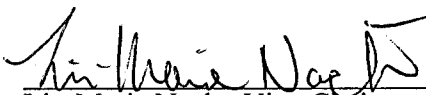
7-14-16

Date

1 **ORDER OF ADMONISHMENT**

2 Based on the above Stipulation and Agreement, the Commission on Judicial Conduct hereby
3 orders Respondent, Judge Gina A. Tveit, admonished for the violating Canon 1 (Rules 1.1 and 1.2)
4 and Canon 4 (Rule 4.2) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Respondent shall not engage in such
5 conduct in the future and shall fulfill all of the terms of the Stipulation and Agreement as set forth
6 therein.

7
8 DATED this 15th day of June, 2016.

9
10 
11 _____
12 Lin-Marie Nacht, Vice-Chair
13 Commission on Judicial Conduct
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26