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BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDU	СТ
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STATE OF WASHINGTON	
Re the Matter of) CJC No. 8222-F-	.171
E HONORABLE MARY E. ROBERTS) ANSWER	
ge of the King County Superior Court.	
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COMES NOW, The Honorable Mary E. Roberts, Answerin	ng the Statement of Charges
d in this matter on March 8, 2017.	
I. <u>BACKGROUND</u>	
1. Paragraph numbered 1 of the Background Section	of Statement of Charges -
dmitted that Judge Roberts is a King County Superior Court Judge	udge and was serving at all
levant times.	
2. Paragraph numbered 2 of the Background Section	of Statement of Charges -
nitted that Judge Roberts was served with a Statement of Alleg	gations on January 20, 2017.
lge Roberts believes the rest of this paragraph is correct but lac	
Commission's actions so is not in a position to ether admit or de	
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Attorney at Law 740 Belmont Place E., # 3 Seattle, WA 98102-4442 (206) 325-9949 3. Paragraph numbered 3 of the Background Section of Statement of Charges – Judge Roberts admits that she did not file an answer to the Statement of Allegations.

4. Paragraph numbered 4 of the Background Section of Statement of Charges – Judge
Roberts presumes the Commission's recitation of action taken in executive session on February
24, 2017, is correct but lacks personal knowledge so is not in a position to either admit or deny
this paragraph.

II. CONDUCT GIVING RISE TO CHARGES

8 5. Unnumbered Paragraph - Judge Roberts admits she failed to issue one or more 9 decisions in a timely manner. She is unable to admit or deny as to any specific decision within 10 the cases listed in this paragraph as there are no details as to which decision(s) within any one 11 case are at issue or when such decision(s) was/were first due and then filed. While admitting 12 that she failed to issue one or more decisions in a timely manner Judge Roberts reserves the 13 right to contest whether that happened in any specific case and puts the Commission to its 14 proof on each of the cases cited. By answering in this manner Judge Roberts wants the 15 Commission to know that she acknowledges she has failed to issue timely decisions and that 16 she must accept responsibly for those but at the same time in a vacuum of specific information 17 other than a listing of cases she is not in a position to simply make a blanket admission to every 18 case listed in the charges.

6. By way of mitigation Judge Roberts, during some or all of the periods at issue, had family and personal problems which, while not excusing the delays, may explain them.

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III. BASIS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

7. Unnumbered Paragraph - Judge Roberts presumes the Commission's recitation of the probable case determination made on February 24, 2017, is correct but lacks personal knowledge so is not in a position to either admit or deny this paragraph. Judge Roberts acknowledges that she has been charged with violations of the provisions listed.

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1	IV. <u>RIGHT TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER</u>
2	8. Unnumbered Paragraph – This procedural notice does not require an answer.
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4	Dated this 24 th day of March, 2017.
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