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October 25, 2012

The Arkansas Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission today announced that former Drew County District Court Judge Ken Harper has resigned his upcoming term and promised never to serve in the Arkansas judiciary in the future. Complaints against Mr. Harper will be dismissed and there will be no Formal Disciplinary Hearing in case #12-233.

Mr. Harper's letter of resignation to the Governor is attached. The letter to JDDC Executive Director, David A. Stewart, is also attached.

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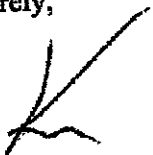
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Honorable Mike Beebe
Governor of the State of Arkansas
State Capital
500 Woodlane, Suite 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Beebe:

For personal reasons, I have decided to resign and not take the bench for my upcoming term. I do hereby, by means of this letter, tender my resignation as District Court Judge of Drew County, Arkansas, for the term that begins on January 1, 2013.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Harper

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Mr. David A. Stewart
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Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission
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RE: Case #12-233

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I am writing to you in connection with the above referenced case filed in your office. I acknowledge the following stipulations:

1. I was elected in May to serve as District Court Judge in Drew County. I resigned my current term on September 19, 2012, without mentioning my new upcoming term.
2. I will submit a letter to the Governor on or before October 25 informing him of my decision to resign my new term and not take office on January 1, 2013.
3. I agree that I am no longer eligible to serve as a judge. Pursuant to A.C.A. § 16-10-410 D, I acknowledge that I will never serve in the judiciary in the State of Arkansas in any capacity.
4. My understanding is that the case listed above will be dismissed and a dismissal letter will be made public upon my resignation. There will be no need for a trial in this case.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Harper