



Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission

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September 20, 1994

Honorable John Plegge
Circuit Judge
201 West 3rd, Suite 351
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Case # 93-173

Dear Judge Plegge:

In its September 16, 1994 meeting, the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission imposed an informal adjustment and dismissed complaint number 93-173. In that complaint it was alleged you violated the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct.

The Commission considered the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegation, your statements, documents, and other evidence before the Commission. Applying this material to the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Commission found that there had been conduct that might be cause for discipline but for which an informal adjustment is appropriate.

The Commission found that two motions were filed with the Pulaski County Clerk of the Circuit Court and forwarded to your court shortly thereafter. You ruled on those motions after delays of 17 months and 14 months. The delays were caused by your not knowing the motions were pending in your court and your not adequately supervising your staff by failing to insure that your law clerk carried out assigned duties. As part of the informal adjustment, the Commission strongly urges that you (1) institute a system that better monitors pending actions in your court and (2) that you more closely supervise your support staff and law clerk to insure that assigned tasks are performed.

The Commission has instructed me to give you notice that this informal adjustment has been imposed and the complaint dismissed. This Commission action is public information.

Sincerely,

James A. Badami
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Kenneth Pitts-Benton