



Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission

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JAMES A. BADAMI
Executive Director

January 21, 1993

Honorable Marcia Brinton
112 South East Avenue
Fayetteville, AR 72701

RE: Case # 92-114

Dear Judge Brinton,

In its January 15, 1993 meeting, the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission imposed an informal adjustment and dismissed complaint number 92-114. 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 testimony, 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 as a part-time small claims judge and your subsequent representation of Ms. Drake & Ms. Hollandsworth, there was no violation of the compliance portion of the Code of Judicial Conduct. However, there appears to be a possible violation of Canon 2A of the Code of Judicial Conduct. As part of an informal adjustment, the Commission strongly urges that you terminate your relationship with your clients, Ms. Drake & Ms. Hollandsworth. You may want to have them seek representation by another law firm.

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of James A. Badami.

James A. Badami
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Gary Deckert
Mr. Jim Rose, III