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STATE OF ARKANSAS. }
In the Supreme Court } SCT.

BE IT REMEMBERED. That at a term of the Supreme Court of the State of Arkansas, begun and held at the Court Room in the City of Little Rock, on the 2nd day, being the first Monday of October, A. D. 19 89, amongst others were the following proceedings, to-wit:

On the 12th day of February, A. D. 19 90, a day of said term _____

IN RE: WILLIAM P. "BILLY"

SWITZER, CROSSETT MUNICIPAL JUDGE
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No. 90-8 vs.

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Appeal from an Original Action

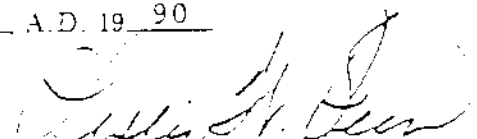
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Petition of the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission to temporarily suspend William P. Switzer with pay is granted. See per curiam this date.

IN TESTIMONY, That the above is a true copy of the order of said Supreme Court, rendered in the case herein stated. I, Leslie W. Steen, Clerk of said Supreme Court, hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Supreme Court, at my office in the

city of Little Rock, this 12th day of February, A. D. 19 90


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SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 90-8

Opinion Delivered February 12, 1990

IN RE: WILLIAM P. "BILLY"
SWITZER, CROSSETT
MUNICIPAL JUDGE.

PER CURIAM

The Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission recommends that Municipal Judge William P. "Billy" Switzer be suspended from his duties with pay, pending the disposition of criminal charges against him in the Ashley County Circuit Court.

It is so ordered.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

In Re:
William P. "Billy" Switzer
Crossett Municipal Judge

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P E T I T I O N

**LESLIE W. STEEN
CLERK**

Comes now the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission and files a petition with the Arkansas Supreme Court recommending that Judge William P. "Billy" Switzer be temporarily suspended with pay, pending final resolution of the criminal charges against him set forth in the Ashley County Circuit Court - Indictment 89-164-2. The facts surrounding this petition and the findings and recommendations of the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission are as follows:

F A C T S

1. Since January 1, 1975, William P. "Billy" Switzer has been a Municipal Court Judge in Crossett, Arkansas.
2. Judge Switzer's present term of office began on January 2, 1987 and runs through December 31, 1990.
3. On November 21, 1989, Judge Switzer was indicted by the Grand Jury of Ashley County for a Class D felony and a Class B misdemeanor.
4. The Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission received a certified true copy of the indictment on December 13, 1989 (Encl. 1).
5. Through counsel, Judge Switzer was given notice that the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission would meet on December 21, 1989 and at this meeting the Commission would consider, pursuant to Rule 10A of the rules of procedure of the Arkansas Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission, recommending to the Arkansas Supreme Court that Judge Switzer be temporarily suspended with pay, pending final resolution of the criminal charges against him as set forth in the Ashley County Circuit Court Indictment 89-164-2. Counsel responded neither he nor Judge Switzer would attend the Commission meeting.
6. Judge Switzer voluntarily took a leave of absence during the pendency of the criminal charges against him (Encl. 2).

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7. In closed session on December 21, 1989, the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission unanimously found that there was a filing of an indictment charging Municipal Court Judge William P. "Billy" Switzer with a felony under state law and a misdemeanor which affects his ability to perform his judicial duties.
8. The Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission unanimously recommended to the Arkansas Supreme Court that Municipal Court Judge William P. "Billy" Switzer be temporarily suspended with pay pending final resolution of the criminal charges against him.

Wherefore the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission respectfully requests the Supreme Court grant this matter expeditious consideration and suspends with pay, Municipal Court Judge William P. "Billy" Switzer, pending final resolution of the criminal charges against him set forth in the Ashley County Circuit Court - Indictment 89-164-2.

January 4, 1990

Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission

By: Thomas F. Butt

Thomas F. Butt, Chairman

I, James A. Badami, hereby certify that on the 8th day of January, 1990, I mailed a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Petition with proper postage thereon fully prepaid to: Mr. Robert J. Johnson, 304 Main Street, Crossett, AR 71653.

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