

January 24, 1995

*Honorable Max Harrison
Municipal Judge
1299 South Division
Blytheville, AR 72315*

RE: 94-162

Dear Judge Harrison:

At a hearing on January 20, 1995 the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission reviewed a Statement of Allegations, your response, the results of it's investigation and other material. In summary, it was alleged that while serving as Blytheville Municipal Court Judge you were not an attorney in good standing as you were suspended from the practice of law for failing to pay your annual attorney license fees for 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994.

The facts developed showed that you have served and continue to serve as the Blytheville Municipal Court Judge for the past twenty-two years. As an attorney you are required by Arkansas Supreme Court Rule to pay an annual attorney's license fee by March 1 of each year. You failed to pay your 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994 annual attorney's license fees until November 1994. You were suspended from the practice of law for the failure to pay those annual license fees on March 2, 1990. You were reinstated to the Arkansas Bar by the Board of Bar Examiners in November 1994. As a result you were not an attorney in good standing from March 2, 1990 to November 1994 as Arkansas state law requires of all municipal court judges.

The Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission found that under the circumstances of this case as described above, you failed to respect and comply with the law. Your actions denigrated the public confidence of the judiciary and was inconsistent with maintaining the high standards of conduct essential in preserving the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary. This constitutes a violation of Canons 1 and 2A of the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct. It is the judgement of the Commission that you be and you are hereby admonished.

*This public admonition constitutes adequate discipline and no further action is warranted.
The Commission indulges the expectation that this conduct will not be repeated.*

This Commission action is public information.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Badami
Executive Director*