January 24, 1995

Honorable Scott Adams Municipal Judge P.O. Box 174 Morrilton, AR 72110

RE: 94-176

Dear Judge Adams:

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 including your sworn testimony. In summary, it was alleged that while serving as Morrilton 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 1992, 1993 and 1994.

The facts developed showed that you have served and continue to serve as the Morrilton Municipal Court Judge since 1986. 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 1992, 1993 and 1994 annual attorney's license fees until September 21, 1994. You were suspended from the practice of law for the failure to pay those annual license fees from March 2, 1992 until September 21, 1994. As a result you were not an attorney in good standing for that period of time 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