

MODIFICATION OF AGREED SANCTION

By decision of the Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission, this resignation and agreement not to serve in the Arkansas Judiciary has been modified on August 11, 2004. The new sanction is:

The Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission finds that Judge William W. Watt has violated Canon 5 of the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct in that a Judge shall refrain from inappropriate political activity, and further, that Judge Watt violated Canon 2 of the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct, stating that a Judge shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all of the Judge's activities, and based on those findings, Judge William W. Watt be, and hereby is prohibited from holding elective or appointed judicial office in the State of Arkansas for a period of eight (8) years, beginning July 31, 1996, and expiring on July 31, 2004.

June 18, 1996

Judge William W. Watt
1819 N. Fillmore
Little Rock, AR 72207

RE: Case Nos. 95-119, 96-114, 96-153 and 96-187

Dear. Judge Watt:

This letter is to announce the final decision by the Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission in the four (4) above noted complaints that were pending against you with this Commission. These complaints are:

Case No. 95-119 --- a complaint filed by Representative Mike Wilson concerning your involvement in presenting a check to Representative Wilson in the Capitol during a legislative session on behalf of the Arkansas Municipal Judges Council.

Case No. 96-114 – a complaint filed by Max Brantley concerning the operations of and comments made by you in the Truancy Program conducted in the Little Rock Municipal Court.

Case No. 96-153 and 96-187 – complaints filed by the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission and attorney Gail Matthews concerning activities and actions described in your testimony in the trial, United States v. Tucker, et al.

As part of this final disposition you agreed there was sufficient evidence in the complaints to warrant imposition of a sanction by the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission. You also agreed to resign from the judiciary effective July 31, 1996. By your resignation you gave up your term of office that would have otherwise ended December 31, 1996. You also agreed that you will never seek nor accept a position as a judge or a judicial officer within the State of Arkansas.

This Commission action is public information.

Sincerely,

James A. Badami
Executive Director

cc: Attorney Mark Hampton
Representative Mike Wilson
Max Brantley
Attorney Gail Matthews