



Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission

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Honorable Elizabeth Wise
Perryville District Court
PO Box 612
Perryville, AR 72126

RE: Letter of Admonishment, Case #06-226

Dear Judge Wise:

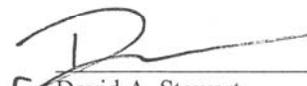
During the April 18, 2008 meeting, the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission decided to issue a letter of admonishment to you in complaint #06-226. After careful review of the complaint and the accompanying investigation, the Commission determined you violated the Code of Judicial Conduct.

While serving as a part-time district court judge in Perry County (6th Judicial Circuit), you imposed a countywide restriction on a criminal defendant as a condition of his release on bail. Your rationale for this restriction did not comply with ARCP 9.3 and was not properly documented. Your actions gave the appearance of a summary banishment of the defendant.

The Commission notes that you have agreed to follow ARCP 9.3 when imposing geographic restrictions on a defendant. Additionally, you have agreed to use forms supplied by the Administrative Office of the Courts to make uniform and proper pretrial release determinations.

For your conduct in violating this provision of the Code of Judicial Conduct, it is the decision of the Commission that you be admonished. This public admonition constitutes adequate discipline and no further action is warranted. Further reprimand may occur if the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission finds similar violations in the future. This Commission action is public information.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:


for David A. Stewart
Executive Director