



Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission

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JAMES A. BADAMI
Executive Director

September 18, 1995

Honorable Fred Davis
P. O. Box 9140
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Re: # 94-117

Dear Judge Davis:

During the September 15, 1995 meeting, the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission decided to issue a letter of admonition to you in complaint number 94-117. In that complaint the Commission found you violated the Code of Judicial Conduct.

At a probable cause hearing, the Commission reviewed its file, your reply to Rosemary Stacy's sworn complaint and your testimony before the Commission. That sworn complaint concerned a number of allegations including the allegation that you unreasonably delayed the decision in the case of Stacy v. Lessel for approximately 22 months. That case was presented to you for decision after a non-jury trial on April 24, 1992, with several affidavits and post trial briefs filed shortly thereafter. You decided in the case on February 1, 1994.

The Commission found your delay in deciding the case of Stacy v. Lessel to be unreasonable and a failure to promptly dispose of the business of the Court in violation of Canon 3B(8) of the Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct. You are therefore admonished for this violation.

This admonishment constitutes adequate discipline and no further action is warranted. This Commission action is public information.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

Sincerely,

James A. Badami
Executive Director

CF: Rosemary Stacy