

BEFORE THE FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE:

#00-261

NOTICE OF FORMAL CHARGES

TO: Hon. Robert H. Bonanno
Hillsborough County Circuit Judge
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit
419 Piece Street, Room 311
Tampa, Florida 33602-3549

THIS IS TO ADVISE that the Investigative Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission has conducted an investigation resulting in a charge of violation of Canons 1, and 2(A) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

This inquiry was based upon the following allegation:

On July 27, 2000 at 5:20 p.m. you entered the locked office of Judge Gregory Holder, and adjacent areas, at a time you knew or should have known that Judge Holder would have objected to your presence.

This act, if it occurred as alleged, would impair the confidence of the citizens of this state in the integrity of the judicial system and in you as a judge, would constitute a violation of the cited Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct, would constitute conduct unbecoming a member of the judiciary, and would warrant discipline, including but not limited to your removal from office.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, as revised, that you have twenty (20) days following service of this notice to file a written answer to this charge.

Dated this _____ day of September, 2001.

By: _____

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via U.S. Mail this ____ day of September, 2001 to:

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