

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE, :
NO. 99-325, SHELDON SCHAPIRO : CASE NO. SC01-2419
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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF DISCIPLINE

On or about January 4, 2000, because of information provided to the Judicial Qualifications Commission relating to Judge Sheldon Schapiro, a Notice of Investigation was served upon Judge Schapiro. Thereafter, on or about November 6, 2001, the Commission filed its Notice of Formal Charges against Respondent.

The Commission has entered into a Stipulation with Respondent in which he has admitted, *inter alia*, that he has engaged in rude, intemperate, and otherwise inappropriate behavior in court. Respondent has also admitted that his conduct is unbecoming a member of the judiciary; brings the judiciary into disrepute; and impairs the confidence of the citizens of this state in him as a judge and in the integrity of the judicial system.

The Commission, therefore, finds the facts to be as set forth in the Stipulation. The Commission has considered in mitigation the fact that Respondent has expressed remorse for his conduct and voluntarily undergone psychological evaluation and treatment and commits to continue such treatment as an express condition of the Stipulation.

In light of the above, the Commission finds that the interests of justice and public welfare will be adequately served by the following discipline, which it hereby recommends to this Court:

- (1) Public Reprimand to be delivered personally to Respondent before the Supreme Court of Florida;
- (2) Respondent's participation in psychological/behavioral therapy with an emphasis on sensitivity training by a qualified health care professional until such professional has certified, in writing, that such treatment is no longer necessary; and
- (3) Public apology to the citizens of Broward County in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted.

DATED: This _____ day of November, 2002.

The Honorable James R. Wolf
Chair, Judicial Qualifications
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