

BEFORE THE FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

INQUIRY CONCERNING A
JUDGE, NO. 03-98

Supreme Court Case No.:

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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INVESTIGATIVE PANEL

This matter is before the Investigative Panel of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission pursuant to Rule 6(j) of the Commission upon the factual stipulation of the parties and the waiver of further hearing by the respondent.

Upon consideration of the Notice of Investigation and the Stipulation of the parties the Investigative Panel makes the following findings:

- A. the respondent is guilty as charged in the Notice of Investigation.
- B. The respondent has no other disciplinary history and has a long history of commendable service on the bench of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, and a reprimand is a suitable penalty for this Court to impose in this instance and the Investigative Panel so recommends. Compare In re Hayes, 541 So.2d 105 (Fla. 1989), wherein the Court imposed a reprimand in an analogous situation.

DATED: This ___ day of December, 2003.

INVESTIGATIVE PANEL OF THE
FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

By: /s/ Richard C. McFarlain
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Findings and Recommendation of the Investigative Panel has been furnished by **United States Mail** to the Honorable Robert Lance Andrews, Circuit Judge, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Room 1020 Broward County Courthouse, 201 S.E. 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, and to William R. Scherer, Esq., Counsel to the Respondent, P.O. Box 14723, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33302 on this ___th day of December, 2003.

/s/ Brooke S. Kennerly
Executive Director