

BEFORE THE INVESTIGATIVE PANEL OF THE  
FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

INQUIRY CONCERNING A  
JUDGE, NO. 05-05

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**NOTICE OF FORMAL CHARGES**

TO: The Honorable James R. Adams, County Judge, Twentieth Judicial Circuit, Lee County Criminal Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Meyers, Florida 33901

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT the Investigative Panel of The Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission has determined, pursuant to Rule 6 of the Rules of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, as revised, and Article V, Section 12(b) of the Constitution of Florida, that probable cause exists for formal proceedings to be instituted against you.

Formal proceedings accordingly are hereby instituted to inquire into the following charges, which, if true, constitute violations of Canons 1, 2 and 3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct:

1. During 2004 you had a romantic relationship with Kennetha Lynn Donahue, a lawyer appearing before you in a considerable number of cases
2. These cases included: State v. Bardov, 04C023191; State v. Willrich, 04-MM-003507; State v. Kolaz, 04-MM-003506; State v. Erickson, 04-MM-003407 and State v. Delacey 04-MM-003406.
3. In these cases you granted a considerable number of continuances at the behest of Ms. Donahue.
4. In the traffic cases of State v. Martinez, 04-TR-046525; State v. Hofmann, 04-TR-061587; State v. Hofmann, 04-060988; and State v. Seferoglou, 04-

TR-024546, in which Ms. Donahue also represented the defendants, you dismissed these charges.

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 these charges. The original of your response and all subsequent pleadings must be filed with Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida, and you must also comply with the requirements of the supreme Court requiring simultaneous filing of a DOS formatted three and one-half diskette in Word Perfect 5.1 (or higher) format. Copies of your response should similarly be served on the undersigned General Counsel and all persons (other than your counsel) listed in the certificate of service below.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2006.

INVESTIGATING PANEL OF THE  
JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS  
COMMISSION

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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. Certified Mail # \_\_\_\_\_, to the Honorable James R, Adams, County Judge, Twentieth Judicial Circuit, Lee County Criminal Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Meyers, Florida 33901, and Scott Tozian, Esquire, 109 North Brush Street, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33602 on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2006.

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Executive Director