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In re: Judicial Conduct Commission No. 20030247-SC
Inquiry Concerning A Judge
02-5JC-083

ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Supreme Court by Article VIII, Section 13 of the Utah Constitution and Utah Code Ann. § 78-8-107, the Court approves the implementation of the Judicial Conduct Commission's Order of Formal Reprimand.

For The Court:

April 17, 2003
Dated


Christine M. Durham
Chief Justice

MAILING CERTIFICATE

I certify that on the 23rd day of April 2003, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order, postage prepaid, to the following addresses:

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Date

April 23, 2003
Pat H. Bartholomew

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Clerk of Court

and backed them 100 percent," but "now [he was] not so sure anymore." In addition, Judge Dobson told the officers that he was "going whole hog on this one" and that he was going to "come after [them] with the full weight of the law."

4. On March 28, 2002, at a hearing before Judge Shumate, Judge Dobson disclosed that he had been rude to the detectives, and publicly apologized to them.

APPLICABLE PROVISION OF CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Canon 4A of the Code of Judicial Conduct requires a judge to conduct his extra-judicial activities so that they do not cast reasonable doubt on the judge's capacity to act impartially as a judge, and so that they do not demean the judicial office.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. By angrily engaging the detectives by cellular telephone, Judge Dobson violated Canon 4A of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

2. Judge Dobson's conduct was prejudicial to the administration of justice and brought his judicial office into disrepute.

FORMAL ORDER OF REPRIMAND

Judge Dobson is formally reprimanded for having committed conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brought his judicial office into disrepute, in violation of Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of Utah and Utah Code Ann. § 78-8-103(1)(e).

ORDER TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ONLY UPON IMPLEMENTATION

This formal order of reprimand shall only take effect upon implementation of the same by the Utah Supreme Court.

CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

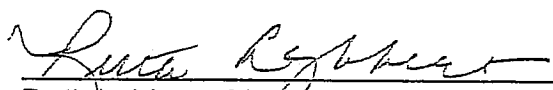
Judge Dobson consents to the issuance of the foregoing formal order of reprimand.

Judge Dobson acknowledges that this document will be disclosed to the Utah Supreme Court for issuance of its final order, and consents to such disclosure.

Judge Dobson acknowledges that when this document is filed with the Utah Supreme Court, it will be available to the public, and consents to such disclosure.

DATED THIS 18th day of March, 2003.

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION:



Ruth Lybbert, Chair

ACCEPTED:




Hon. Richard M. Dobson

3.13.03.

Date

APPROVED BY:



James E. Slomboski,
Attorney for Hon. Richard M. Dobson

3-13-02

Date