

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF UTAH

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Re: Inquiry Concerning A Judge

No. 20110137 -SC

JCC Case No. 11-4JC-015

Hon. Ronald Hare

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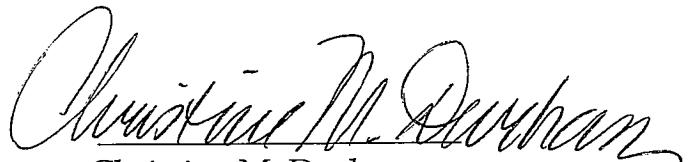
ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Supreme Court by Article VIII, Section 13 of the Utah Constitution and Utah Code Ann. § 78A-11-111, the Court approves the implementation of the Judicial Conduct Commission's Order of Censure.

For The Court:

April 6, 2011

Dated



Christine M. Durham

Chief Justice

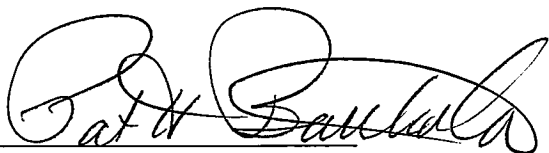
## MAILING CERTIFICATE

I certify that on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE, postage prepaid, to the following addresses:

Colin Winchester  
Executive Director  
Utah Judicial Conduct Commission  
2540 Washington Blvd. Suite 703  
Ogden, Utah 84401

Ronald R. Hare  
P.O. Box 992  
Fillmore, Utah 84634

Date April 7, 2011



Pat H. Bartholomew  
Clerk of the Court

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BEFORE THE UTAH JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION

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IN RE:

HON. RONALD HARE

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ORDER OF CENSURE

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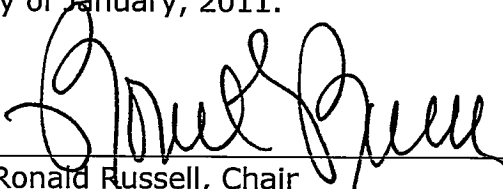
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The Commission, having fully deliberated and having issued its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, now therefore orders that the Hon. Ronald Hare be censured.

This Order shall only take effect upon implementation of the same by the Utah Supreme Court.

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

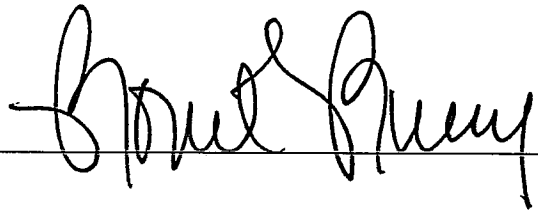
  
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Ronald Russell, Chair  
Judicial Conduct Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, I served a true and correct signed copy of the foregoing ORDER OF CENSURE upon each of the following individuals by depositing the same in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

Susan L. Hunt  
Judicial Conduct Commission  
2540 Washington Blvd., Suite 703  
Ogden, Utah 84401

Hon. Ronald Hare  
P.O. Box 997  
Fillmore, Utah 84631



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The Commission had received and reviewed written stipulated facts and the parties' stipulated recommendation for a reprimand. The Commission also heard arguments from the Examiner. Having fully deliberated, the Commission now enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On July 9, 2010, Judge Hare was issued a citation by the Salt Lake City Police Department after exposing himself in a public restroom in the presence of a Salt Lake City police officer.

2. On December 17, 2010, Judge Hare appeared before Judge Cutler at the Salt Lake City Justice Court and entered a guilty plea to disorderly conduct, a class B misdemeanor, in violation of Salt Lake City Ordinance 11.16.100. Judge Cutler ordered that the plea be held in abeyance for 12 months. If Judge Hare complies with the terms of the plea in abeyance agreement, the charge will be dismissed in 12 months. No conviction has been entered in the matter.

3. The July 9 incident has been reported by local media, and is widely known among court employees and the public.

4. Judge Hare served as the East Millard Justice Court Judge from 1979 until January 2011 when the East Millard Justice Court was merged into the Millard County Justice Court.

5. Judge Hare served as the Fillmore City Justice Court Judge from 1983 until January 1, 2011, when he resigned.

6. Judge Hare has never been publicly, privately or informally disciplined by the Commission or the Utah Supreme Court.

7. Judge Hare accepts full responsibility for his actions, and is extremely remorseful about this incident and the harm that it has caused to the integrity of the judiciary.

8. Judge Hare will neither apply for nor accept appointment to any Utah judicial office in the future.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Judge Hare's actions violated Rule 1.1 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, which states, "A judge shall comply with the law," and Rule 1.2, which states, "A judge should act at all times in a manner that promotes - and shall not undermine - public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety."

2. Judge Hare's actions constitute conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings a judicial office into disrepute, in violation of Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of Utah and Utah Code Ann. §78A-11-105(1)(e).

3. A censure is an appropriate sanction in this matter.

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION:

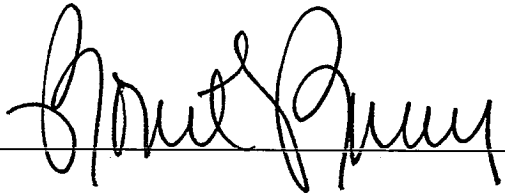
  
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