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Mary McQueen, Administrator
Office of the Administrator for the Courts
P.O. Box 41170
Olympia, WA 98504-1170

Re: Requesting Records on Proposed DRJ 15 (Interim Suspension)

Dear Ms. McQueen:

I request access to, or copies of, all records controlled by your office originating from 1995 to date on the subject of any procedure for suspending a judge during the pendency of a Commission on Judicial Conduct proceeding. Mr. Akana recently provided me a copy of his Memorandum to you dated December 29, 1995, and the draft of then proposed DRJ 15, both of which are enclosed.

I have a personal interest in the establishment and maintenance of effective judicial disciplinary procedures that protect the public from unfit judges and thereby maintain public confidence in the judiciary. I trust that others share that interest.

I recognize that *Nast v. Michels*, 107 Wn.2d 300 (1986), holds that the state public disclosure act, RCW Ch. 42.17, is inapplicable to "court case files," but the analysis in Justice Durham's dissent to that opinion demonstrates why that act clearly applies to requests for records on the administration of the justice system, such as this request.

If the charge for copies of the requested records does not exceed \$25.00, please provide me the copies and your invoice, which I will promptly pay. If the records are more voluminous, please let me know when I may review them and request selective copies.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Douglas A. Schafer

Enclosures

cc: David Akana, CJC Exec. Dir.