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Presiding Chief Judge C. Kenneth Grosse
Washington Court of Appeals
One Union Square
600 University St.
Seattle, WA 98101-4170

Re: Court of Appeals Judges' Representatives on Com'n on Judicial Conduct

Dear Judge Grosse:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter (to which I have received no reply) of 2/26/98 to the executive director of the Commission on Judicial Conduct ("CJC") requesting the recusal from the Judge Grant L. Anderson case panel of Court of Appeals Judge John A. Schultheis. I also complained that Judge Schultheis violated the Code of Judicial Conduct by even sitting on that panel and hearing, among other things, my motion for relief from defense counsel Kurt Bulmer's intimidation tactics, as well as the misconduct charges against Mr. Bulmer's client, Judge Anderson. Further, I suggested that Judge Schultheis ought to resign altogether from the CJC, due to his recent attorney-client relationship with Mr. Bulmer, who is defense counsel in probably 50% or more of the CJC's disciplinary cases.

RCW 2.64.020 and -.030 provide that the court of appeals judges select, from their ranks, one member and one alternate member to the CJC. The district court judges and the superior court judges do likewise. The last sentence of -.030 permits each appointing authority to remove their representative CJC member "upon good cause," which would seem to apply both to primary and alternate member representatives. Because there apparently is no association of court of appeals judges, the OAC staffer I contacted urged me to direct this letter to you as the Presiding Chief Judge. Please share it appropriately.

I request that the court of appeals judges, as the appointing authority, remove Judge John A. Schultheis from his position as an alternate member of the CJC for the "good cause" reasons described in my letter of 2/26/98. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Douglas A. Schafer

Enclosure
cc: Media Representatives