

BEFORE THE COURT OF THE JUDICIARY
OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA



In the matter of :

JOHN STEENSLAND, JR., Retired
District Judge of the Twentieth Judicial
Circuit of Alabama

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Court of the Judiciary
Case Number: 39

**RESPONSE TO SECOND
MOTION TO CONTINUE**

COMES NOW the Judicial Inquiry Commission (JIC), by and through its attorney of record, and in response to the Respondent's Second Motion to Continue heretofore filed by Judge M. John Steensland, Jr., would say as follows:

1. This matter is scheduled for a trial on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.
2. The transcripts delivered to counsel for the Respondent were interview's of persons previously listed on JIC's list of witness and that list was provided to the Respondent on February 25, 2011.
3. Douglas Bates, Jarrod Blumberg, and Jason McCallister are all persons on the Respondent's list of witnesses and Respondent has obviously spoken with them.
4. The 2004 Complaint of Beverly Walker is a Complaint specifically mentioned by counsel for the Respondent at the conclusion of the Respondent's testimony before the JIC on April 30, 2010, with the Respondent's counsel stating that he hoped that JIC would not include a charge concerning Ms. Walker and sending a child out of the courtroom because of his grades. Respondent was certainly aware of this Complaint.
5. The interview of Charles Adams was the result of Mr. Adams request and that request was not received until after the first week of February, 2011. The JIC does not have full time investigators and investigative work is done as soon as possible by contract employees.
6. The interview's were all conducted on February 17, 2011, or on February 23, 2011, and sent to a transcription service. The transcriptions were

received by the JIC on or about February 24 and 25, and copies were promptly made available to the Respondent.

7. The Respondent has not previously requested an audio copy of any interview, and he has been timely provided a copy of every interview as required by Rule 7.
8. The interview's in question are contained in approximately 2 hours and 15 total minutes of audio tape. There is an additional transcription of a recording that lasts approximately 23 minutes of the Respondent speaking with the witness Jason McCallister made on February 17, 2011, and subsequently provided to the JIC by Mr. McCallister. The Respondent should certainly be familiar with that interview

WHEREFORE, the Commission would respectfully request the the Respondent's Motion to Continue these proceedings be denied.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this the 28th day of February, I e-mailed the foregoing pleading to the Clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals and delivered a copy by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to:

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