

BEFORE THE COURT OF THE JUDICIARY
OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA



In the matter of : *
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JOHN STEENSLAND, JR., Retired * Court of the Judiciary
District Judge of the Twentieth Judicial * Case Number: 39
Circuit of Alabama *

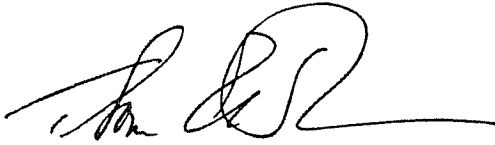
RESPONSE TO MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

COMES NOW the Judicial Inquiry Commission (JIC), by and through its attorney of record, and in response to the Motion to Stay Proceedings 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 JIC is required by rule to notify person who contact the Commission that oral complaints are not acceptable and that only written complaints will be considered. They are further advised that every complaint is presented to the Commission as a whole for their consideration and only the Commission as a whole can make a determination if further action is to be undertaken.
3. Pursuant to Rule 6(f), of the Rules of the Judicial Inquiry Commission, the Commission cannot require a judge to respond to any complaint in any fashion.
4. The Rules of the Judicial Inquiry Commission prohibit the Commission from either confirming or denying that there are any pending complaints against any judge that are being considered or investigated.
5. Before making a charging decision, the Commission considers the imperatives of Rule 7, Rules of the Court of the Judiciary, that require a prompt disposition of all pending proceedings. The Commission is sensitive to the limited resources of the Court and the effort necessary to coordinate the activities of the Court and the Commission acts accordingly.
6. The Commission has subpoenaed more than twenty (20) witnesses all of

whom have had to change their schedules to be present. Some witnesses are coming from as far away as the State of Washington.

WHEREFORE, the Commission would respectfully request the the Motion to Stay Proceedings be denied.

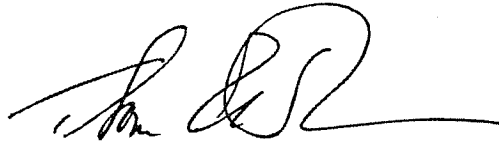


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this the 22nd 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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