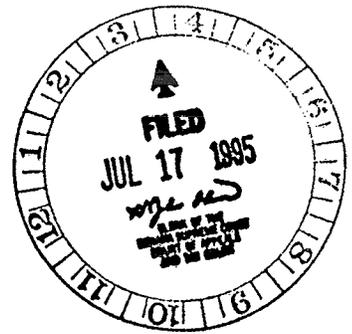


IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA



IN THE MATTER OF THE)
HONORABLE DOUGLAS R. BRIDGES,)
JUDGE OF MONROE CIRCUIT COURT 5)

CAUSE NO. 53S00-9504-JD-398

ORDER

Accepting Statement of Circumstances and Conditional Agreement
for Discipline and Imposing Private Reprimand

On April 17, 1995 The Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications filed a Notice of the Institution of Formal Proceedings and Statement of Charges against the Respondent, the Honorable Douglas R. Bridges. On July 12, 1995, Judge Bridges and the Commission on Judicial Qualifications tendered to this Court a Statement of Circumstances and Conditional Agreement for Discipline.

This Court, being duly advised, now finds that Judge Bridges made an improper and injudicious comment on the record in a case pending before his court. The language used constituted a violation of Canon 3(B)(5) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, which prohibits a judge from using words which manifest prejudice or bias while in the performance of judicial duties.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Statement of Circumstances and Agreement for Discipline tendered in this cause is now accepted and approved. In accordance therewith, the Honorable Douglas R. Bridges is to be given a private reprimand.

The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Order to The Honorable Douglas R. Bridges; to Martin E. Risacher, counsel for Judge Bridges; and to Meg Babcock, counsel for the Commission on Judicial Qualifications.

DONE AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA this 17th day of July 1995.

Randall T. Shepard
RANDALL T. SHEPARD
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.