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Re: Request for Public Records or Information About Certain Judges' Vacations

Messrs. Ponzoha and Fleming and Ms. Motyka:

Please consider this a formal request under applicable law for copies of records, or of information, indicating the periods of vacation time or other absences from the bench taken during the years 1996 through 2000 by Judge Karen Seinfeld, Judge Karen Conoley, and Judge Arthur Verharen, from your respective benches. I understand that the latter two judges retired at the end of 2000.

I recall hearing Judge Seinfeld comment in 2000 that she and her husband, Tacoma lawyer Dennis Seinfeld, had recently enjoyed a wonderful vacation cruising in Barclay Sound, British Columbia, with Judge Verharen and his wife, Judge Conoley, on their sailboat. I believe that Judge Seinfeld (sitting as a supreme court justice pro tempore) was quite biased against me recently while adjudicating a disciplinary proceeding in which my law license was suspended for having allegedly exposed *too much* information in early 1996 about *corrupt* former Pierce County Superior Court Judge Grant L. Anderson, who received a Cadillac kickback from my former banker client. Judge Seinfeld and her fellow panelists felt that I should have kept my former client's secrets about his kickback to the *corrupt* judge.

Judge Conoley's brother, former state bar general counsel Kurt Bulmer (a so-called "ethics specialist" who regularly defends state judges and speaks at judicial conferences), began defending corrupt Judge Anderson in early 1996 by spreading privately within his wide network of influence his wildly false and malicious claims discrediting me in an effort to establish his *corrupt* client's innocence (his frequent defensive strategy that worked remarkably well in *corrupt* Judge Anderson's case, for it took *seven years* before Anderson's judicial peers openly acknowledged him as *corrupt*).

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Because Judge Conoley is Mr. Bulmer's sister, and because Judge Verharen in 1997 (while defending a challenge to his claim of Pierce County residency) signed under oath a declaration prepared by Mr. Bulmer that wildly accused me of attacking *all* the local superior court judges (and that declaration reasonably appears to have been part of Bulmer's overarching strategy to discredit me and my evidence of Anderson's *corruption*), it is reasonable to believe that they would have been maligning me to their friends and colleagues whenever empathetic discussions would have occurred about the plight of their good friend, *corrupt* judge Anderson.

In my effort to demonstrate, as asserted in my Motion for Reconsideration, the extent to which Judge Seinfeld was so tainted by Judges Verharen and Conoley, and Mr. Bulmer, as to be unable to consider *without bias* the actual record in my disciplinary case, I seek the requested records. While I could perhaps inquire of Judge Seinfeld directly, that would likely be improper. Further, given that she failed in her obligation to step forward and admit her close relationship with *corrupt* former judge Anderson's loyal defenders, I have no reason to believe that she would answer my questions fully and forthrightly. My experience with judges and court commissioners in the last decade convinces me that they are no more honest than the general mix of lawyers (such as Grant Anderson, who is once again a lawyer in *good standing*).

I agree to pay lawful charges for records that you provide me in fulfillment of this request.

Very truly yours,

Douglas A. Schafer

cc: Chief Justice Gerry Alexander
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