

June 26, 1992

Honorable Dexter L. Bolin, Jr.
Vigo Circuit Court
Courthouse, Room 30
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Dear Judge Bolin:

Thank you for your cooperative response to the Commission's Notice of Investigation concerning your comments during the Sharp sentencing. The Commission has considered your previous service on the bench and the fact that you made a sincere public apology. These facts resulted in two conclusions. First, the Commission has decided against proceeding to formal charges despite its disapproval of your conduct. Second, the Commission has decided that its resolution of this case should be of public record. Therefore, the Commission intends to close this case by making this reprimand a matter of public dissemination.

You are already aware of the embarrassment your comments brought to the Indiana judiciary. Your use of a derogatory label was unfair to the defendant. It is on the basis that you have apologized publicly that formal proceedings will not be initiated in response to this incident. The Commission is confident it will not confront a similar scenario from your courtroom.

Sincerely,

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Counsel

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