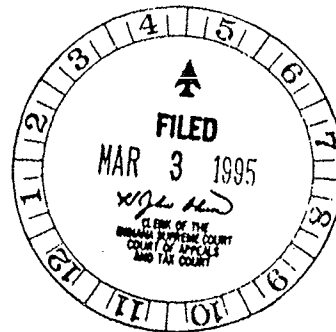


IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA



IN THE MATTER OF

WILLIAM R. HOWELL,

COMMISSIONER, MARION MUNICIPAL COURT

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) Cause No. 49S00-9409-JD-834
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ORDER
Accepting Conditional Agreement Imposing Private Reprimand

Having reviewed the Conditional Agreement for Discipline and other submissions of the Respondent and the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualification, the Court finds as follows.

Respondent was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content in excess of 0.10 percent, a class C misdemeanor. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with 2 days credit for time served and 28 days suspended. His driver's license was suspended for 30 days. He also paid fines, court costs, and drug counter-measure fees of \$583.00.

By operating a vehicle while intoxicated, Respondent engaged in willful misconduct unrelated to the judicial office which brings the office into disrepute. Ind. Admis. Disc. R. 25 III A(4). Respondent also violated Jud. Canon 1(A) and 2(A) of the Code of Judicial Conduct (1993). Those rules require a judge uphold the integrity of the judiciary, respect and comply with the law, and act at all times in a manner which promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.

In light of this misconduct, the Court accepts and approves the Conditional Agreement for Discipline tendered by Respondent and the Commission. In accordance therewith, the Respondent, William R. Howell, is to be given a private reprimand.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to the Hon. William R. Howell; Meg Babcock, counsel to the Ind. Commission on Judicial Qualifications; and all counsel of record.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 1995.

Randall T. Shepard
RANDALL T. SHEPARD
CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIANA

All Justices concur.