

**BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

AUG 24 2007

**Complaint Numbers 2006-9 & 2006-30**

**MOTION FOR SPECIFICATIONS**

NOW COMES the Respondent, the Honorable Ernest B. Murphy, and requests that the Hearing Officer require the Commission to specify or more particularly, identify the factual basis of the violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct alleged in the Formal Charges.

1. The Respondent requests that the Hearing Officer require the Commission to specify the factual basis for the misconduct the Commission alleges to have violated Canon 1A of the Code of Judicial Conduct by failing to maintain and observe high standard of conduct. If the Commission alleges a specific act, the Respondent requests that they be ordered to specify said act. If the Commission alleges that language in the confidential communications between Judge Murphy and the publisher of the Boston Herald, Mr. Purcell, constitutes a violation of Canon 1A, please specify the precise word or words alleged to have violated Canon 1A.
2. The Respondent requests that the Hearing Officer require the Commission to specify the factual basis for the misconduct the Commission alleges to have violated Canon 2 of the Code of Judicial Conduct by failing to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety. If the Commission alleges a specific act, the Respondent requests that they be ordered to specify said act. If the Commission alleges that language in the confidential

communications between Judge Murphy and the publisher of the Boston Herald, Mr. Purcell, constitutes a violation of Canon 2, please specify the precise word or words alleged to have violated Canon 2.

3. The Respondent requests that the Hearing Officer require the Commission to specify the factual basis for the misconduct the Commission alleges to have violated Canon 2A of the Code of Judicial Conduct by failing to act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary. If the Commission alleges a specific act, the Respondent requests that they be ordered to specify said act. If the Commission alleges that language in the confidential communications between Judge Murphy and the publisher of the Boston Herald, Mr. Purcell, constitutes a violation of Canon 2A, please specify the precise word or words alleged to have violated Canon 2A.
4. The Respondent requests that the Hearing Officer require the Commission to specify the factual basis for the misconduct the Commission alleges to have violated Canon 2B of the Code of Judicial Conduct by lending the prestige of judicial office to advance his own private interests. If the Commission alleges a specific act, the Respondent requests that they be ordered to specify said act. If the Commission alleges that language in the confidential communications between Judge Murphy and the publisher of the Boston Herald, Mr. Purcell, constitutes a violation of Canon 2B, please specify the precise word or words alleged to have violated Canon 2B.

5. The Respondent requests that the Hearing Officer require the Commission to specify the factual basis for the misconduct the Commission alleges to have violated Canon 4A(1) of the Code of Judicial Conduct by failing to conduct extra-judicial activities so that they do not cast doubt on the judge's capacity to act impartially as a judge in violation of Section 4A(1). If the Commission alleges a specific act, the Respondent requests that they be ordered to specify said act. If the Commission alleges that language in the confidential communications between Judge Murphy and the publisher of the Boston Herald, Mr. Purcell, constitutes a violation of Canon 4A(1), please specify the precise word or words alleged to have violated Canon 4A(1).
6. The Respondent requests that the Hearing Officer require the Commission to specify the factual basis for the misconduct the Commission alleges to have violated Canon 4D(1) of the Code of Judicial Conduct by failing to refrain from financial and business dealings that tend to reflect adversely on his impartiality, interfere with his judicial position or that may be reasonably perceived to exploit his judicial position. If the Commission alleges a specific act, the Respondent requests that they be ordered to specify said act. If the Commission alleges that language in the confidential communications between Judge Murphy and the publisher of the Boston Herald, Mr. Purcell, constitutes a violation of Canon 4D(1), please specify the precise word or words alleged to have violated Canon 4D(1).

7. The Respondent requests that the Hearing Officer require the Commission to specify whether an act or acts of any attorneys who represented the Respondent in the case of Murphy v. The Boston Herald et al constituted conduct for which the Commission alleges Judge Murphy is responsible and if so, what acts and what canon was so violated.
8. The Respondent requests that the Hearing Officer require the Commission to specify whether or not the Commission relies upon the Boston Herald's publication of the articles and material set forth in Appendix F of the Formal Complaint as conduct for which the Respondent Judge Murphy is responsible.

THE RESPONDENT  
By His Attorney,



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