

# *Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission*

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Honorable L.T. Simes  
1<sup>st</sup> Division Circuit Court  
PO Box 2775  
West Helena, AR 72390

RE: LETTER OF REPRIMAND, Cases #06-260, 05-112, 05-123

Dear Judge Simes:

The Arkansas Supreme Court ordered, in a final decision on May 5, 2011, that you be reprimanded in the above listed cases. Findings of the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission from a Formal Disciplinary Hearing in July of 2010 were reviewed by the Court. The Court specifically rejected and accepted certain individual findings of the JDDC and modified the recommended sanction. The following findings of the JDDC were adopted by the Arkansas Supreme Court and were found to warrant your public reprimand:

The Commission's finding that Judge Simes conducted the Rule 11 proceedings before the court attempted to determine the falsity of the allegations and ultimately failed to establish that the allegations were false, in violation of Canon 2(A), is not clearly erroneous, and we accept it.

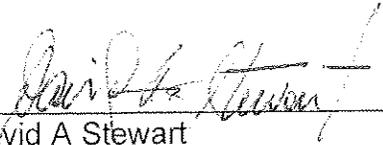
The Commission's finding that Judge Simes conducted the Rule 11 proceedings before the court attempted to determine the falsity of the allegations and ultimately failed to establish that the allegations were false, in violation of Canon 3(B)(2), is not clearly erroneous, and we accept it.

Based on our acceptance of the Commission's findings that Judge Simes violated Canons 2(A) and 3(B)(2), we order that Judge Simes be reprimanded.

Pursuant to Arkansas Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission Rule 12(E), the Court directed that no motion for rehearing will be entertained and, therefore, the decision was final today. For your conduct in violating the above provisions of Canon 2(A) and Canon 3 (B)(2), you are hereby reprimanded. This public reprimand constitutes

adequate discipline and no further action is warranted. Further discipline may occur if the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission finds similar violations in the future. This action is public information. A copy of the Arkansas Supreme Court Opinion is attached to this letter of reprimand.

AS ORDERED BY THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT AND ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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Enclosure, as stated

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