

(No. 05 CC 1 – Complaint dismissed)

In re CIRCUIT JUDGE JAMES T. DOYLE
of the Circuit Court of Kane County, Respondent

Order entered August 28, 2006

SYLLABUS

On February 16, 2005, the Judicial Inquiry Board filed a complaint, later amended, with the Courts Commission, charging respondent with conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice and conduct that brings the judicial office into disrepute in violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, Illinois Supreme Court Rules 61, 62, and 63. In summary form, the complaint alleged that since respondent's assignment to Kane County Drug Court in 2000, respondent has abused the powers of his office by systematically violating the constitutional and statutory rights of criminal defendants, and by engaging in intemperate acts of intimidation, retribution, and vindictiveness in response to those who disagreed with the manner in which he presided over judicial proceedings. The complaint further alleged that respondent attempted to conceal his systematic violations of defendants' rights by questioning defendants either without a court reporter present or after instructing the court reporter to go off the record. As a final matter, the amended complaint alleged that respondent systematically failed to discharge his adjudicative and administrative responsibilities; and that respondent interfered with other departments and misused county resources.

Held: Complaint dismissed.

Sidney Austin Brown & Wood LLP, of Chicago, for Judicial Inquiry Board.
Collins & Bargione, of Chicago, for respondent.

Before the ILLINOIS COURTS COMMISSION: FITZGERALD, Chairperson, BYRNE, CUETO, FRANKS, TOOMIN, WOLFF, commissioners. ALL CONCUR. BURKE, former commissioner, did not participate in the final disposition of this matter.

ORDER

This cause coming to be heard on the parties' Agreed Motion to Dismiss, which was filed in this matter on August 17, 2006, and the parties having agreed that respondent has voluntarily vacated his judicial position, that the Supreme Court of Illinois has filled that vacant position with a new judge, and that because respondent is no longer a state judge, the Illinois Courts Commission no longer has jurisdiction over this matter;

and the Illinois Courts Commission being fully advised in the premises;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that this action is dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Complaint dismissed.