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(No. 75 CC 4.—Complaint dismissed.)

*In re* ASSOCIATE JUDGE JAMES MAHER, JR., of the  
Circuit Court of Cook County, Respondent.

*Order entered January 16, 1976.*

#### SYLLABUS

On September 19, 1975, the Judicial Inquiry Board filed a three-paragraph complaint with the Courts Commission, charging the respondent with conduct that brings the judicial office into disrepute. The complaint alleged that in May of 1975 a young married woman came to the courtroom of the respondent for the purpose of paying a fine on behalf of her husband who had been cited for a traffic violation; that under court procedures, the place to pay the fine was not at the respondent's courtroom but at a court facility located elsewhere; that the woman entered the respondent's chambers upon the respondent's suggestion that he would advise her as to the appropriate disposition of the traffic citation; that the respondent engaged the woman in a private conversation in which he "insistently proposed" that she should dine with him on another day; and that the

“nature and manner of said proposal were demeaning” to the woman, to the respondent and to his judicial office. The respondent resigned from judicial office prior to a hearing by the Courts Commission.

*Held:* Complaint dismissed.

Devoe, Shadur & Krupp, of Chicago, for Judicial Inquiry Board.

Walsh & Fielding, of Chicago, for respondent.

Before the COURTS COMMISSION: SCHAEFER, J., chairman, and EBERSPACHER, STAMOS, DUNNE and FORBES, JJ., commissioners. ALL CONCUR.

#### ORDER

It appearing that the respondent, James Maher, Jr., has resigned his position as associate judge of the circuit court of Cook County, Illinois, effective December 31, 1975, and it also appearing that the complainant, Judicial Inquiry Board, has filed its motion to dismiss the Complaint;

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint be dismissed.

*Complaint dismissed.*

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