
(No. 73 CC 6.—Respondent censured.)

In re CIRCUIT JUDGE ROBERT D. LAW of the
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Respondent.

Order entered February 21, 1974.

SYLLABUS

On November 19, 1973, the Judicial Inquiry Board filed a three-count complaint with the Courts Commission, charging the respondent with conduct that brings the judicial office into disrepute. Counts I, II and III alleged that on three occasions, while the respondent was driving a vehicle, he did so while under the influence of alcohol. The first incident occurred on July 30, 1971, when the respondent's vehicle was stopped by the police, and the respondent stated to the police that he had been drinking and refused to affix his signature to his unsigned driver's license; the second incident occurred on February 3, 1972, when the respondent's vehicle was stopped by the police, and the respondent exuded a strong odor of alcohol; and the third incident occurred on August 29, 1973, when the respondent was involved in an accident in which bodily injury was sustained by the other party and, after being placed under arrest, the respondent

was uncooperative with the police, was forcibly restrained and stated to the police that he had "quite a bit" to drink.

Held: Respondent censured.

William J. Scott, Attorney General, of Springfield,
for Judicial Inquiry Board.

James Berry, of Rockford, for respondent.

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

ORDER

In this matter, the Commission, having heard and considered the evidence and the arguments of counsel, finds:

That there is clear and convincing evidence that the respondent has brought the judicial office into disrepute.

It is therefore ordered that the respondent is hereby censured.

Respondent censured.
