

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE No. 119	}	ANSWER TO NOTICE OF FORMAL PROCEEDINGS
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Respondent Judge Norman W. Gordon answers the notice of formal proceedings as follows:

1. Respondent admits the following allegations.

1.1 From January 2, 1983 to the present, Respondent has been a judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Respondent's current term began in January 1991.

1.2 Respondent sent to Racquel Samudio the postcard attached as an exhibit to the Notice of Formal Proceedings and referred to in Count Six.

1.3. Respondent met with Commissioner Anita Shapiro and said that in view of Carol Crawley's bizarre behavior, he was uncomfortable having Crawley work so close to him in Shapiro's courtroom. Later, after talking with Crawley, Respondent told Shapiro he was satisfied to have Crawley work for Shapiro.

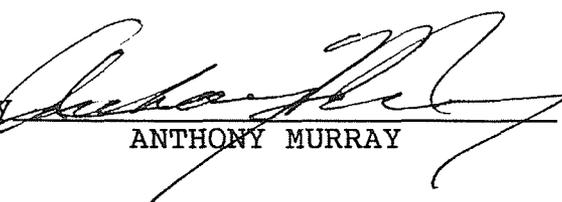
1.4 Respondent arranged to have Samudio transferred because of her inappropriate behavior with courtroom staff, lawyers, and Respondent.

2. Respondent denies each and every allegation not expressly admitted and in particular denies that he has been

responsible for misconduct in office or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into dispute.

Dated: August 5, 1994

CARLSMITH BALL WICHMAN MURRAY  
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ANTHONY MURRAY

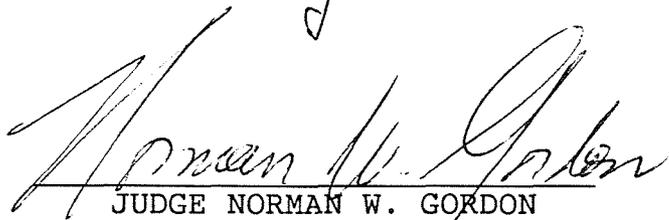
VERIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
  )    ss  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES            )

I, the undersigned, declare: I am the respondent in the above-entitled action; I have read the foregoing document, Answer to Notice of Formal Proceedings, and know the contents thereof; and the same is true of my own knowledge, except to the matters which are therein stated upon my information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 16, 1994, at Long Beach, California.

  
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JUDGE NORMAN W. GORDON