

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

Inquiry Concerning a Judge,
No. 35

NOTICE OF FORMAL
PROCEEDINGS

To: JUDGE ARDEN T. JENSEN

It appearing that from July 11, 1969, to the present you have been a Judge of the Superior Court, County of Santa Barbara; and

Preliminary investigation having been made, during the course of which preliminary investigation you were afforded a reasonable opportunity to present such matters as you chose, and this Commission, as a result of said preliminary investigation, having concluded that formal proceedings to inquire into the charges against you shall be instituted,

NOW, THEREFORE, you are hereby charged with persistent failure or inability to perform your duties.

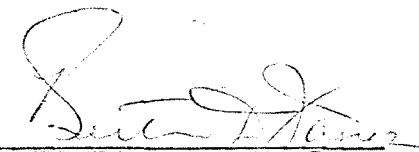
The specifications of the charges and the alleged facts upon which such charges are based are as follows:

You have failed or were unable to perform judicial duties in that from 1971 and continuing to 1977 you did not decide submitted causes timely. (Gov. Code, § 68210.) During that period your court work has not been completed within acceptable limits of time. Matters have frequently been submitted before you without decision for periods of 100 days to 450 days.

You have the right to file written answer to the charges against you within fifteen (15 days) after service of this notice upon you with the Commission on Judicial Performance, Room 3180 State Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California 94102. Such answer must be verified, must conform in style to subdivision (3) of Rule 15 of the Rules on Appeal, and must consist of an original and eleven legible copies.

By Order of the Commission on Judicial Performance.

Dated: December 22, 1977.


BERTRAM D. JANES
Chairman