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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE**

INQUIRY CONCERNING  
JUDGE GREGORY J. KREIS

No. 209

**RESPONDENT'S VERIFIED  
ANSWER TO AMENDED NOTICE  
OF FORMAL PROCEEDINGS**

## COUNT 20

A. Judge Kreis denies intentional or even reckless wrongdoing in this sub count. At the time, Judge Kreis thought that he understood the question, and he intended to answer it truthfully. When the question was posed, Judge Kries focused his thought process on the California State Bar, and only to a lesser extent on the Commission. Incorrectly, Judge Kreis believed any such investigations and their findings were confidential such that he not allowed to share it even at his choice. Making matters worse, in the moment, Judge Kreis was unaware or forgot that a private advisory letter from the Commission is discipline . So, with this mindset and misunderstanding, Judge Kries incorrectly answered that he had not previously been the subject of discipline.

B. Nothing was improper about Judge Kries being interviewed or participating in a judicial debate in his chambers, after hours, without his robe on, and with no explicit indication that the videos were being recorded from his chambers. Prior to accepting those interviews, Judge Kreis reviewed the relevant authority (notably, Rothman) and he reasoned that his presence in that location was did not violate the cannons.

## COUNT 21

Judge Kreis again denies wrongdoing as to this count. Judge Kreis' current assignment is the family court. It is a highly contentions calendar, often with self-represented parties. In Judge Kreis' experience, it is not unusual for litigants to fight over anything and everything, and not for legal reasons, but more so interpersonal. It is common for the parties to argue over control of personal property that is worth far less than the cost and energy of litigation, and has no obvious sentimental value (for instance, a microwave). It was in that context, and with an intention to bring down the tension that Judge Kreis made his comment.

He did not make it at either of the litigants' individual expense, and nothing about it disparaged them.

DATED: April 12, 2024

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Murphy", written over a horizontal line.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Alice M. Kay/, declare:

I am a citizen of the United States, am over the age of eighteen years, and am not a party to or interested in the within entitled cause. My business address is 580 California Street, Suite 1100, San Francisco, California 94104.

On April 12, 2024, I served the following document(s) on the parties in the within action:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is a true and correct statement and that this Certificate was executed on April 12, 2024.

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I, Gregory J. Kreis, declare that I am the Responding Judge in Inquiry No. 209, that I have read the foregoing Answer to the Amended Notice, and know the contents thereof, that I believe the same to be true, except as to those matters which are alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

DATED: 4/12/24

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