

**STATE OF KANSAS**  
**BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Inquiry Concerning  
A Judge

Docket No. 509

**ORDER**

Members of the Commission present include: Hon. J. Patrick Brazil, Chair; Mr. Charles S. Arthur; Mr. Ray Call; Hon. Kathryn Carter; and Dr. Nancy B. Hiebert.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

There is no dispute regarding the facts set out below:

1. The Honorable Jeffery T. Northrup is a district magistrate judge at St. Francis, Kansas.
2. On July 30, 1993, between 9:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., approximately 12 miles south of St. Francis, Kansas, respondent and a friend participated in a private "demolition derby" involving two old cars purchased in Idalia, Colorado.
3. Other allegations of inappropriate activity occurring both before and after respondent became a judge have been brought to the attention of the Commission. Such activity, if true, would reflect negatively upon judges and the judicial system.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

**1. Canon 2 provides in part:**

A judge should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all his activities.

**The commentary states in part:**

Public confidence in the judiciary is eroded by irresponsible or improper conduct by judges. A judge must avoid all impropriety and appearance of impropriety. He must expect to be the subject of constant public scrutiny. He must therefore accept restrictions on his conduct that might be viewed as burdensome by the ordinary citizen and should do so freely and willingly.

2. Respondent has engaged in inappropriate conduct or the appearance thereof.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that henceforth the Honorable Jeffery T. Northrup cease and desist from any activity in violation of the above-cited canon.

Due to the public interest in this matter, this order shall be made public.

The Secretary of the Commission on Judicial Qualifications is hereby instructed to mail a copy of this Order with a copy of Rule 611, as adopted by the Supreme Court of Kansas, to respondent. Respondent is requested, in accordance with Rule 611, to either (a) comply by accepting the Order by written acknowledgment directed to the Secretary of the Commission or (b) refuse to accept the Order. Any agreement to comply or refusal to accept shall be served upon the Commission within thirty days from this date. In the event the respondent shall not agree to comply by accepting this Order by written acknowledgment within said period, respondent shall be deemed to have refused to accept this Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION DATED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1993.

**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

By Carol G. Green  
Carol G. Green, Secretary

APPROVED & ACCEPTED

12-3-93  
(date)

Jeffery T. Northrup  
Jeffery T. Northrup, Respondent

**FILED**  
**DEC 08 1993**

**COMMISSION ON  
JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS**