

No. 316A03

SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN RE:)	
INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE, NOS. 270 & 280)	FROM THE JUDICIAL
EVELYN W. HILL, Respondent)	STANDARDS COMMISSION

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July 26, 2001

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The Honorable Evelyn W. Hill
Superior Court Judge
Post Office Box 351
Raleigh, NC 27602

Dear Judge Hill:

The Judicial Standards Commission has instructed me to advise you as follows:

1. In accordance with Commission Rule 7, the Commission, Judge Hamilton abstaining, has ordered a preliminary investigation to determine whether formal proceedings under Commission Rule 9 should be instituted against you.
2. The preliminary investigation was ordered by the Commission on the basis of a written complaint filed with the Commission and on its own motion.
3. The subject matter of the investigation will include allegations that:
 - a. on May 10, 2001, you engaged in *ex parte* communications with and displayed excessive personal familiarity toward Eric Scheiner, the plaintiff in a case in which you were hearing a motion that day, and
 - b. you made unwarranted critical and demeaning remarks to attorney Karen Larsen on May 7, 2001, during her argument in support of a motion before you.
4. A copy of the Commission's Rules is enclosed.
5. The investigation shall remain confidential in accordance with G.S. 7A-377 and Commission Rule 4.
6. You have the right to present for the Commission's consideration any relevant matters you choose.

The Honorable Evelyn W. Hill
July 26, 2001

All correspondence should be addressed to the Judicial Standards Commission, P.O. Box 1122,
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Sincerely,

Deborah R. Carrington
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