

BEFORE THE COURT OF THE JUDICIARY OF ALABAMA

In the Matter of) Court of the Judiciary
Herman Thomas, Circuit Court Judge) Case No. 35
of Mobile County, Alabama)



ANSWER OF JUDGE HERMAN THOMAS

Circuit Judge Herman Thomas respectfully answers the complaint of the Judicial Inquiry Commission as follows:

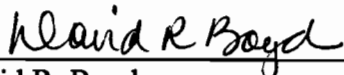
Paragraphs 1-15

In response to the averments of paragraphs 1 through 15 of the complaint, Judge Thomas admits that at all relevant times stated in the complaint he was a Circuit Court Judge for Mobile County, and that he was involved in certain activities and conduct in his capacity as a circuit judge relating to David Lee Thomas and Akil Figures. He denies that such activities and conduct violated the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics. Judge Thomas otherwise denies the material allegations of these paragraphs of the complaint.

Charges One – Fifteen

Judge Thomas denies charges One through Fifteen, inclusive, as set out in the complaint, and denies any violations of the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics.

Respectfully submitted this the 18th day of April, 2007



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