



**BEFORE THE
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

**IN RE: JUDGE W. J. ALEXANDER
FORMER COUNTY JUDGE
QUITMAN, WOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
(CJC Nos. 03-0075-CO and 03-0076-CO)**

**VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO RESIGN FROM
JUDICIAL OFFICE IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

This Agreement is being entered into by the undersigned parties pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code.

WHEREAS on September 27 and October 2, 2002, complaints (CJC Nos. 03-0075-CO and 03-0076-CO) were filed by David W. Thedford and Charles Ross, respectively, with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (hereinafter the "Commission") containing allegations that Judge W. J. Alexander (hereinafter "Alexander"), then-County Judge of Wood County, Texas, had abused his position by suggesting in a letter to the Texas Indigent Defense Task Force that most criminal defendants were guilty, and

WHEREAS Alexander disputes the complaints and denies the allegations of misconduct, and

WHEREAS the parties agree that the allegations of judicial misconduct, if found to be true, could result in disciplinary action against Alexander, and

WHEREAS no Findings of Fact have been made in this matter, and

WHEREAS the parties to this Agreement are desirous of resolving this matter without the time and expense of further disciplinary proceedings, and

WHEREAS Alexander is no longer the Wood County Judge.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that Alexander, upon the signing of this Agreement, shall resign his judicial office in lieu of disciplinary action by the Commission, pursuant to Section 33.032(h) of the Texas Government Code. The Commission agrees it shall no longer pursue disciplinary action against Alexander in connection with the above-referenced complaints.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that upon the acceptance of this resignation by the Commission, Alexander shall be forever disqualified from: sitting or serving as a judge in the State of Texas; standing for election or appointment to judicial office in the State of Texas; or, performing or exercising any judicial duties or functions of a judicial officer in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that any violation of this Agreement by Alexander would constitute willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of his duties or casts public discredit upon the judiciary or administration of justice in violation of Art. 5, §1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution and section 33.001(b) of the Texas Government Code.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Commission may enforce this Agreement through any legal process necessary, including injunctive relief; that, Travis County, Texas, shall be the proper venue for any dispute between the parties or proceeding relating to this Agreement; and that Alexander, individually, shall bear the expense, cost, and any reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees in the event any dispute arising under this Agreement is decided against him by any court or tribunal.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED upon its execution by the parties.



W. J. Alexander



Kathleen S. Cleaves
Chair, State Commission on Judicial
Conduct

Date: 6-3-03

Date: June 12, 2003


VERIFICATION

State of Texas §
County of Kimney WOOD §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared W. J. ALEXANDER, who by me being first duly sworn, on his oath deposed and said that the above "Voluntary Agreement to Resign from Judicial Office in Lieu of Disciplinary Action" is a true and correct recitation of the facts and accurately reflects his understanding of the terms and conditions of, and voluntary consent to enter into, such Agreement.

~~JUNE~~ **SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME**, on this the 3rd day of May, 2003.





NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR THE
STATE OF TEXAS