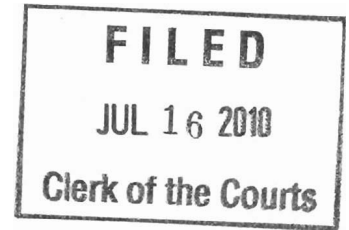


IN THE TENNESSEE COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

IN RE: THE HONORABLE GLORIA DUMAS,
JUDGE, GENERAL SESSIONS COURT
METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE and
DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, Division IV



Docket No. M2009-01938-CJ-CJ-CJ

Complainant: JOSEPH S. DANIEL, in the exercise of his duties as Disciplinary Counsel, and at the direction of an Investigative Panel of the Tennessee Court of the Judiciary.

File No. 08-3487

DISSENT

With all due respect to my colleagues on the hearing panel in this case, I am unable to accept the settlement proposed by the parties as a final disposition in this case. There is an adage known by those in the legal profession who are involved in litigation that “some cases just need to go to trial.”

I have carefully, with much reflection, reviewed the formal charges filed in this matter, and Judge Dumas’ Answer. I have also reviewed the other pleadings and the deposition of Mr. James Larue; all of these documents are public record and are available on the web site of the Administrative Office of the Courts, www.tncourts.gov, by clicking “Information” and then “Court of the Judiciary,” then “Public Cases.”

I wish to make clear that I am not saying in this dissent that the disposition approved by the majority of the hearing panel is too severe. Neither am I declaring that the disposition is too lenient. I am simply of the opinion that this case is one of those cases that should be resolved only after a full trial.


THOMAS T. WOODALL, Judge