(No. 73 CC 4.-Respondent reprimanded.)

In re CIRCUIT JUDGE ROBERT J. SULSKI of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Respondent.

Order entered February 19, 1974.

Syllabus

On October 15, 1973, the Judicial Inquiry Board filed a two-count complaint with the Courts Commission, charging the respondent with conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice and conduct that brings the judicial office into disrepute. The complaint alleged that the respondent violated Supreme Court Rules 61(c)(5) and 62 (III. Rev. Stat., ch. 110A, pars. 61(c)(5), 62) by finding defendants guilty in criminal trials, in which the respondent presided, prior to hearing the evidence in full and giving defendants an opportunity to argue their cause by counsel. The appellate court reversed the convictions. *People v. Diaz* (1971), 1 III. App. 3d 988; *People v. Johnson* (1972), 4 III. App. 3d 539.

Held: Respondent reprimanded.

Charles D. Stein and Harry D. Lavery, both of Chicago, for Judicial Inquiry Board.

Bradley, Eaton, Jackman & McGovern, of Chicago, for respondent.

Before the COURTS COMMISSION: SCHAEFER, J., chairman, and BURKE, EBERSPACHER, DUNNE and FORBES, JJ., commissioners. ALL CONCUR.

Order

In this matter, the Commission, having heard and considered the evidence and the arguments of counsel, finds:

That the charge that the respondent was guilty of conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice has been proved, and

It is ordered that the respondent is hereby reprimanded.

Respondent reprimanded.