

(No. 87 CC 2.—Respondent reprimanded.)

*In re* CIRCUIT JUDGE ARTHUR J. CIESLIK  
of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Respondent.

*Order entered July 30, 1987.*

SYLLABUS

On January 21, 1987, the Judicial Inquiry Board filed with the Courts Commission a multi-paragraph complaint, charging the respondent with willful misconduct in office and with conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice and that brings the judicial office into disrepute. The complaint, in summary form, alleged that, in three criminal cases in which the respondent presided, he made improper remarks to three women defense attorneys, which remarks were "disparaging, intemperate, injudicious, and rude." The complaint stated that on July 30, 1986, the respondent referred to a woman defense attorney as a "young lady" and in substance said to her that "ladies should not be lawyers" and "do not belong in court," that "ladies should be at home raising a family," that "they say I'm a male chauvinist," and that, after asking the attorney whether she was married, "what does your husband think of you being [in court]?"

The complaint stated further that, in September or October of 1981, the respondent in substance told a woman defense attorney who was about six months pregnant that he "would never allow a pregnant woman to try a case before him again" and that "no industry would allow you to work in the condition that you are in." The complaint alleged also that in late 1980 the respondent said in substance to a woman defense attorney who was about six months pregnant that "if your husband had kept his hands in his pockets you would not be in the condition you are in."

The complaint alleged that the respondent's conduct described above violated Supreme Court Rules 61(b) (judge's conduct should be above reproach), 61(c)(4) (avoidance of impropriety), and 61(c)(8) (consideration to counsel) (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 110A, pars. 61(b), 61(c)(4), 61(c)(8)). On June 4, 1987, the Judicial Inquiry Board and the respondent filed with the Courts Commission a joint stipulation in which the respondent admitted the allegations of the complaint and his guilt to the charges and agreed to make a public apology for his conduct (a letter of apology dated June 3, 1987, was attached to the joint stipulation), and in which the Judicial Inquiry Board and the respondent agreed that the respondent "shall agree to

a penalty of Reprimand" from the Courts Commission. On July 30, 1987, the Judicial Inquiry Board and the respondent filed with the Courts Commission a joint motion for disposition and sanctions.

*Held:* Respondent reprimanded.

Winston & Strawn, of Chicago, for Judicial Inquiry Board.

Genson, Steinback & Gillespie, of Chicago, for respondent.

Before the COURTS COMMISSION: MORAN, J., chairman, and LORENZ, STOUDEER, MURRAY and SCOTT, JJ., commissioners. ALL CONCUR.

#### ORDER

This cause having come before the Illinois Courts Commission on the stipulation of the Illinois Judicial Inquiry Board (Board) and the respondent, Arthur J. Cieslik, a circuit judge of the Cook County circuit court, it is hereby ordered:

1. The Illinois Courts Commission hereby finds Judge Arthur J. Cieslik guilty of violating Illinois Supreme Court Rules 61(c)(4), 61(c)(8), and 61(b) (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1985, ch. 110A, pars. 61(c)(4), 61(c)(8), 61(b)). The Illinois Courts Commission bases its finding of guilt upon the charges of the Complaint filed against Judge Cieslik and the stipulation filed by Judge Cieslik and the Board in case number 87 CC 2; and
2. Based upon the Courts Commission's finding of violations of Illinois Supreme Court Rules 61(c)(4), 61(c)(8), and 61(b), it hereby imposes the penalty of reprimand on Judge Cieslik pursuant to article VI, section 15, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

*Respondent reprimanded.*

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