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COMPLAINT 2017 – Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 29
In Re Longanecker, Reed, Jorgensen, Campbell, Stolt, Johnson-Taylor, Sassaman, Amini,
Rosen, and Zaike
March 23, 2017

ORDER OF DISMISSAL – LACK OF PERSONAL AND SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

I. Nature of the Complaint

A Washington resident filed ten ethics complaints against two attorneys, two police officers, two assistant prosecutors, and four judicial officers. No legislators or legislative staff appear to have had any direct or indirect connection to the complaints.

Complaints were filed against the following persons:

- Mindy Kristin Longanecker, an assistant city prosecutor in Seattle,
- Jana R. Jorgensen, an assistant city prosecutor in Seattle,
- Lisa Sylvia Reed, a private attorney who represented the complainant's spouse,
- Sgt. Ronald J. Campbell, a Seattle police officer,
- Detective Stolt, a Seattle police detective,
- Melinda Johnson-Taylor, a Court Commissioner,
- Meg Sassaman, a Court Commissioner,
- Susan Amini, a Superior Court judge,
- Steve Rosen, a Municipal Court judge, and
- Karina Zaike, a private attorney who represented the complainant's spouse.

No reference is made to any portion of the Ethics in Public Service Act, nor to any action that could be considered a violation of the act by any person under the jurisdiction of the Board.

II. Jurisdiction

The Board has no personal jurisdiction over any of the persons named in any of the ten complaints. It does not have subject matter jurisdiction over the claims alleged by the complainant. RCW 42.52.320. Ethics Board Rule 1 (C) (2).

III. Findings of Fact

1. These ten ethics complaints were filed against two attorneys, two police officers, two assistant prosecutors, and four judicial officers.
2. No legislators or legislative staff appear to have had any direct or indirect connection to the complaints.

IV. Conclusions of Law

1. The Board's jurisdiction is limited to complaints regarding actions of legislators and legislative staff. RCW 42.52.320 provides: The legislative ethics board shall enforce this chapter and rules adopted under it with respect to members and employees of the legislature.
2. Board Rule 1 (C) requires: "If the staff concludes that the complaint is not within such jurisdiction, the staff shall end the investigation and shall provide the board with the investigative report as required in paragraph (4) of this section."

V. Order of Dismissal

It is hereby ORDERED: that Complaints 2017 - Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 29 are hereby dismissed.



Sen. Stephen Johnson

Date: