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PRESS RELEASE

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Enclosed you will find indisputable evidence of blatant Judicial Misconduct by two Federal Judges, Judge Roger Hunt (Nevada) and Judge Johnnie Rawlinson (9th Circuit Appeals Court).

It is important to note that I submitted the Misconduct Complaint 3 times and was not successful until Blaine Merrit (Chief Counsel Subcommittee on the Courts) called the 9th Circuit Clerk (Gwen Baptiste) to find out how they could deny mail sent certified return receipt requested. All this happened on or about the time of Senate confirmation hearings of these same judges.

. On 1-3-02 Blaine assured me that meetings are scheduled to discuss the matter with congressman. I am not convinced.

THE MISCONDUCT IN BRIEF

Judge Hunt as a magistrate administered a case involving me months after he had handled a case as magistrate which I had on Appeal and which is pending at this time. This was a blatant violation of his Canon 2 and 3 as well as 28 USC 455. He compounded the misconduct when I filed a Motion to Recuse and he refused. He actually had the audacity to cite 28 USC 455 and state nothing about this was unethical A recusal motion is administered pursuant to 28 USC 144 and almost always accepted. A plaintiff or defendant is allowed to recuse a judge one time in regards to 28 USC 144. No proof of bias is needed. The party only needs to 'feel' the judge is bias. Its done often..

I caught Judge Hunt involved in exparte communication by his own statements. I was deprived of my right to attend the 26.1 Discovery conference yet Judge Hunt approved the Discovery Plan which was decided on by the defendants. Please consider exposing this.

Moving to amend my complaint, Judge Rawlinson denied my motion. She stated I had not attached the amended Complaint. I had. See the Certificate of Mailing. The 9th Circuit has the worst record in history. See attached Senate Report.

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