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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

June 30, 2008

Marna Anderson, Executive Director
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Re: BJS File No. 08-02

Dear Ms. Anderson:

Please permit this letter to advise that, on June 20, 2008, the Board on Judicial Standards ("Board") completed consideration of your complaint, filed against Fourth District Judge Stephen C. Aldrich.

After fully reviewing the matter, the Board determined that there was insufficient cause to proceed to a public hearing. However, the Board did determine that there was a basis to proceed under *R.Bd.Jud.Std, Rule 6(f)(1)*. Judge Aldrich was asked to respond in writing to the complaint. He was also asked to appear personally before the Board. During the appearance, the Board advised Judge Aldrich that it considered the comments to be improper and discussed ways in which future complaints might be avoided.

After the appearance, the Board decided to resolve this matter by issuing a private warning to Judge Aldrich. The private warning specifically advised Judge Aldrich that the Board expected a change in his behavior with regard to these types of comments. The Board further advised Judge Aldrich that, should meritorious allegations arise showing a continuance of this behavior, more serious discipline would likely result.

The Board appreciates your interest in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

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