

The Watchdog
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Jonathon Marshall
Secretary Board of Commissioners on Grievances/Discipline

Re: Misconduct of Justice Terrence O'Donnell

Dear Mr. Marshall:

While acting as a retired visiting judge in 2003, O'Donnell billed Cuyahoga County for mileage and meals while serving on the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court in Cleveland.

ORC 141.07 limits travel expenses to those incurred while holding court in a foreign County, which is other than the judge's County of residence. O'Donnell lives in Rocky River, which is in Cuyahoga County; therefore he was not entitled to any travel expenses.

O'Donnell's lust for public pork knows no bounds in that he repeatedly billed the County for .50 cent coffees and Egg McMuffin's at McDonalds and even billed to purchase a dozen donuts at Dunkin Donut's for Court Staff.

O'Donnell has been a judge since 1981. Any argument that he was ignorant of the law should be treated with disdain and contempt.

My discoveries of the above facts were made known by me to O'Donnell in May 2004; however, to my knowledge he has refused to repay Cuyahoga County.

Given O'Donnell's recent comments to the media and his habit of tossing leftover \$10 and \$20 into a dresser drawer, he would have had \$1600 in \$10 or \$3200 in \$20 from May to Dec. 2004 to repay Cuyahoga County.

O'Donnell's conduct in ripping off Cuyahoga County for \$300 is deplorable and further evidence that his appetite for public pork cannot be reasonably satisfied.

Please provide me with a copy of Mr. O'Donnell's reply.

Dave Palmer
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