

November 2, 2009

The Honorable Bryan E. Chushcoff
Pierce County Superior Court
930 Tacoma Avenue South
Department 4
Tacoma, WA 98402

Dear Judge Chushcoff:

Regrettably, as a result of my conviction in Pierce County Superior Court, in order to uphold the integrity of the court system of which I feel strongly about, I do not believe I have any choice but to resign. Therefore, to avoid any further discourse between the County Executive and those who protect the Washington State Constitution, I submit my resignation as Superior Court Judge, Department 9, effective November 16, 2009.

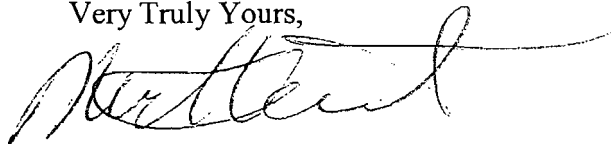
It is my intent to keep fighting to reverse this injustice and reinstate my good name. But I will do that independently of attempting to remain on the bench under the current situation. I have requested nothing in return for this resignation.

As a result, you may begin the process of appointing a successor to my position so that Pierce County Superior Court will not be burdened any longer.

I want to thank all of the Judges and my loyal staff for their kind words of encouragement and support during this whole process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Hecht", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael A. Hecht

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Cc: Gov. Christine Gregoire