

cases which have thrown my income up, and in a few years—I couldn't actually—I'd have to qualify that.

Mr. TUNNEY. So, in those years, it would be less than 75 percent of your income?

Mr. HOLLOWELL. Yes.

Mr. TUNNEY. Mr. Hollowell, when it became necessary to appoint a guardian for Joseph Patencio's son because of his inheritance, the family retained Ray Simpson for this purpose. You had previously been released as attorney for Mr. Patencio's estate and yet, did you file a petition for the Patencio boy before Mr. Simpson did, and without talking, apparently, to Mr. and Mrs. Patencio which resulted in an order to pay you as well as retain counsel to defend them against your action? This is contained in the summary, as you know, of the report. It is stated that you disregarded the rights of the parents, disregarding the feelings and the rights of the parents. Do you believe that they had the right to be consulted in this regard, or do you think the allegations that were made in the report were unfair to you?

Mr. HOLLOWELL. I would like to say that I feel I had exercised poor judgment in that particular matter. I represented the whole family, and am still the attorney of record. In that particular—the father, although Ray Simpson had come into the estate because the father did not like me, and there was ill feelings, I represented the remainder of the family and I was faced with a situation where the executor and the executor's attorney were working actions so they could make a partial distribution, and looking back on it, gentlemen, I think I made a mistake. It caused increased animosity, and I am anything but perfect, and that's something I wish I hadn't done.

Mr. TUNNEY. Thank you for your frankness. In the estate of Eugene Segundo, he petitioned for your removal as conservator. You charged a fee of \$6,000 covering, among other things, according to the Department of the Interior report, for services rendered as an attorney. Since California law, according to the report now, does not provide for fees for a conservator I wonder if you could explain this attorney's fees for a conservator. I wonder if you could explain the charge? I know in your statement you said that it was wrong, that it was a misstatement of law. Would this be your answer to the question that I have addressed to you, as the reason you charged the \$6,000?

Mr. HOLLOWELL. Yes, sir. I believe Mr. Cox in the report is completely wrong. I unfortunately, got involved in that long litigation. The reason I spent so much time in court was that, as an attorney, I invoked the attorney-client relation; and the wife's attorney, doing a good job, kept me baited and kept going after me for days, and days, and days, and I felt that even though Eugene was dissatisfied with me, and I was willing to step aside, I wasn't about to break that attorney-client privilege. Now, strictly, I don't think I was entitled to that privilege. I think what the attorney was after was, "How did he look? How did he act?" and, coming down to specifics, "Was he intoxicated"; but I managed to hold my own on the stand, and refused to testify because I could not distinguish between his actions and his conversations, and gosh knows, I forget how many days now I spent in court on that matter.

Mr. TUNNEY. I'm sorry to take so much time of the committee, and you, Mr. Hollowell, but I have one last question, and that is, we have