

**Olson v. Trustees, SFTS,
Remedial Case No. 200-1,**

**JEANNINE E. OLSON
Complainant
vs.
THE TRUSTEES OF SAN FRANCISCO
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Respondents**

This is a case of original jurisdiction filed by Jeannine E. Olson against the trustees of San Francisco Theological Seminary.

The complaint charges the trustees with giving Dr. Olson an inadequate and irregular tenure review, resulting in her failure to obtain tenure, and ultimately in her loss of her faculty employment at San Francisco Theological Seminary.

The *Book of Order* states that it must be determined:

1. The complaint was timely filed;
2. The governing body has jurisdiction;
3. The complainant has standing to file the case;
4. The complainant states a claim upon which relief can be granted (D-6.1200a).

The commission has jurisdiction and the complainant has standing (D-6.500g).

On July 17, 1987, the executive committee of the Permanent Judicial Commission entered an order dismissing the complaint on grounds that it was (1) not timely filed, and (2) did not state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Both of the parties, from varying points of view, raise questions as to the nature and extent of the relief which the Permanent Judicial Commission can, or appropriately should exercise in this case. It is not necessary to resolve these questions in the present case, and the Permanent Judicial Commission does not choose to do so.

This complaint was not timely filed. The initial decision to deny tenure to Dr. Olson was made on May 9, 1985. On February 6, 1987, in response to a request to reconsider the decision and following receipt of a report by the Faculty and Curriculum Committee of the Board of Trustees, the board reaffirmed its decision to deny tenure to Dr. Olson.

This ended the appeal process and started the time for appeal to the Permanent Judicial Commission. The complaint was filed on May 13, 1987, more than 30 days after the irregularity complained of.

It is therefore ordered that the appeal of Jeannine E. Olson be dismissed.

The Reverend James Angell and the Reverend Milton Carothers, members of the commission, were not present and took no part in the proceedings. Elder Frances Hollis did not participate in the discussion of this case or vote on the decision, as required by D-8.0400.

Sharon Davison dissents and does not enter a written dissent.