

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 06-232

Complainant: No. 1294310338A

Judge: No. 1294310338B

ORDER

The commission reviewed the complaint filed in this matter and found no ethical misconduct on the part of the judge that would rise to the level of a public sanction. Concerns about the judge's campaign literature were shared with the judge in a private letter.

The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rule 16(a).

Dated: November 15, 2006.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Keith Stott
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on November 15, 2006.

This order may not be used as a basis for disqualification of a judge.

My name is [redacted] I am the [redacted] and running for Justice of the Peace [redacted]

On [redacted] a candidate forum was held at [redacted] City Hall Council Chambers. I was invited, but declined the invitation for personal reasons.

This forum was aired on [redacted] radio station and I heard it. It was all transpiring in a fair and normal manner. At the end of the forum, the moderator [redacted] allowed each participant two minutes to give their closing statements. It was at this stage that [redacted] currently Justice of the Peace [redacted] and seeking reelection made the following comment. I quote him: "In [redacted] when I took over [redacted] [redacted] cases were investigated and [redacted] were attributed to [redacted] Chief Clerk, who was in concert with [redacted]" (end of quote).

All the candidates present were witnesses and I have listed their names. Other witnesses were [redacted] the moderator, members of the [redacted] group that put the forum together, and people of the community who went to presence the forum. I spoke with one of the candidates who participated in the forum and he told me he was shocked to hear [redacted] make that comment.

What [redacted] said is a blatant lie. I was never investigated. I was interviewed by [redacted] as well as all the clerks that worked at the court at that time. I was never indicted or accused of any wrong doing. To my knowledge, thousands of cases were investigated. Not [redacted] as stated by [redacted] He was not part of the investigation. I continued working for the Justice Court and I ran for the position of Justice of the Peace in [redacted] against [redacted] I decided to resign after that election. I am absolutely sure that I was not part of that investigation. Therefore, what [redacted] said is FALSE. And the result of his actions is deeply affecting me. He has affected my image with the community that knows me and whose respect I have earned in the course of my life.

This attitude should not be tolerated, especially from a Judge who should uphold the integrity of the Judiciary.

I feel that [redacted] has violated the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct:

- A) Cannon 1A
- B) Cannon 2
- C) Cannon 5 B(1) (d) (iii)
- D) Cannon 5 C

I would greatly appreciate that the Commission on Judicial Conduct send [redacted] a letter asking him to recant from what he said and for it to be done publicly. He misspoke and needs to apologize.

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Thank you for your time in reviewing this matter.

