## State of Arizona COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 07-266

Complainant:

Judge:

No. 1320700370A

No. 1320700370B

## ORDER

The commission reviewed the complaint filed in this matter and found no ethical misconduct on the part of the judge. The judge was not a social friend of anyone involved in the complainant's case.

The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Dated: February 5, 2008.

## FOR THE COMMISSION

\g\ Keith Stott Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on February 5, 2008.

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


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Mr. Keith Stott 1501 W. Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Stott:

<u>I recently had a case</u> in the family court about my son \_\_\_\_\_, in front of Judge \_\_\_\_\_\_ One of my attorney's first motions was to ask Judge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to recuse \_\_\_\_\_\_ himself if he knew, was friendly with, had a relationship with, any of the parties to this action.

The parties listed were:

Myself,	, a former employee of The Attorney General's (		
		and Judge	
a recent	y retired judge	who is also	
husband, a	and step-father		

Originally, my case was before Judge who recused himself for reasons I do not know. Judge refused to recuse himself.

I have come to learn that Judge	and Judge	have both
worked for	on	I also have found
out that cases that were heard by Judge	, have been	
decid	ed by Judge	

I would think that in order for the decision to appear ethical would have been for Judge to recuse himself. There seems to possibly be some unethical behavior and therefore not an even playing field for my son and I, in this case. I believe that there is something not kosher here. I believe, in my gut, it just doesn't look or feel right. Is it unethical to have two judges who might even be colleagues at may have socialized with each other, and one of these people, be a step father in this courtroom?

I would hope that with your resources you can look into this matter to make sure that everything has been done above board, ethically, and legally in the courtroom.