

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 07-306

Complainant: No. 1323610324A

Judge: No. 1323610324B

ORDER

The commission reviewed the complaint filed in this matter and determined that the judge was previously advised of the administrative problems occurring in the court and had taken active steps to correct the situation. Accordingly, the commission voted to dismiss the complaint and issue a private comment to the judge.

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

Dated: July 14, 2008.

FOR THE COMMISSION

 /s\ Keith Stott
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on July 14, 2008.

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

November 27, 2007

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AZ Commission on Judicial Conduct
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Phoenix, AZ 85007

To Whom It May Concern:

I beg the review boards understanding in regards to the amount of paperwork attached to this letter; however, I wanted to provide the evidence in regards to my complaints on Judge

I have been going through a divorce and currently custody evaluations since my filing in [redacted] I was abused by him and had ample medical and police documentation in regards to this ongoing abuse during my marriage since [redacted] After I filed for divorce, he then physically abused my sons which have been documented and substantiated by [redacted] and continued harassment to me.

Judge [redacted] required my ex and I to attend a total of 3 different custody evaluations that caused our case to be dragged out for many years. Each evaluation showed a history of abuse by him and to the children. All 3 stated that I should have sole custody. The last evaluation was done by [redacted] where she required him to have counseling before spending long period of time with our [redacted] again. He had been under an OP for several years due to the repeated offenses he had, but he was never held accountable by the court. Due to Judge [redacted] lack of response to [redacted] findings in early [redacted] and our continued pleas since [redacted] the OP expired in [redacted] and I had no choice but to grant full overnight weekend visitation to my ex husband. I had, and still have, no guidance from the court. Unfortunately, there was yet another physical incident to [redacted] that was reported to [redacted] that could have been avoided had the court acted.

A judge's responsibility is to be fair, impartial but also diligent. This ongoing case has caused me to file bankruptcy and is currently a financial hardship on my current husband and family situation due to continued fees for court, legal, private detectives and councilors for this case. I feel should have been avoided since there are strict abuse and custody laws in cases such as mine. There is also a mental anguish that we feel every day since there has been absolutely no closure to our situation. I believe this case should not have taken this amount of time. My attorney and I were literally **ignored** by her court for over 8 months. She has now transferred our case to [redacted] leaving us to start all over again.

I believe the really big issue is that we had asked for a hearing to implement report in because she failed to set one. She had said she would set on upon receipt of her findings during our telephonic conference in . We then filed yet again in and again in because we had received *no word* from her on a hearing, a hearing I was promised since However, she later she thereafter mistakenly dismissed everything (see attached). We gave her a chance to reconsider, but she refused to reconsider and then transferred our case even though there wasn't any change in the matter from the earlier situation. Her failure to review led to the exact situation that recommendations were trying to avoid – continued joint custody without any counseling by

To date we have met with the Superior Court of on and he had stated on record (paraphrased here) – that this case was handled very poorly and had caused many issues. He also did state that he would normally never make such a statement, but this case warranted one. (Transcript available if needed).

I plead with the to please investigate. I know there may be nothing that can be done for our family now, but I am in hopes that this may protect another abused woman from the heartache we have been placed under. Judge advertises herself in the community as an advocate for those in domestic violence situations. However, had she had been, for us, she would have followed the law and helped protect my 3 children from his continued mental and physical abuse they still endure to this day and also the mental anguish our family and my current marriage has had to endure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for your time and help in our situation.

Sincerely,