State of Arizona COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 10-132 Complainant: No. 1393810698A No. 1393810698B

ORDER

The complainant alleged that a justice of the peace did not give a good reason for dismissing his case with prejudice. The commission reviewed the matter and found no evidence of ethical misconduct on the part of the judge. Judges are not required to provide a specific reason for dismissing a case with prejudice. The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: July 8, 2010.

FOR THE COMMISSION

\s\ Keith Stott

Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on July 8, 2010.

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

Judge:

2010-132

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May 20, 2010

State of Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct 1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Judicial Complaint Regarding Judge

Justice Court

Dear Commissioners:

Please accept this letter as a formal complaint against Judge Justice Court, Maricopa County for his failure to properly perform the duties of his office.

On Monday, February 22, 2010, I came before Judge CC2009 At the close of the hearing, Judge for him to render his decision on the case. as the plaintiff in case no.: advised that it would take a couple of weeks

Understanding that the Justice Court is mired in a back log of paper work, I contacted the court on Friday, April 9, 2010, regarding the outcome of the case, and only after a reasonable amount of time had transpired. I was advised by the clerk, answering my call, that the case file only showed that the case was "ordered dismissed, with prejudice." I requested a copy of the signed JUDGMENT form (copy enclosed) and received it on 4/17/2010.

A legal definition of "dismissed with prejudice" found, states that: "When a case is dismissed for **good** reason and the plaintiff is barred from bringing no further action on the same case."

The JUDGMENT form that I received and that was signed by Judge did not give a **good reason** as to his final rendering on the case that he dismissed with prejudice. In fact, it gave no additional information at all.

It took approximately 5 1/2 months to have my case heard and approximately 1 1/2 months for me to be informed of the decision rendered only after I had to initiate contact with the court. Therefore, with the time and effort that I put forth in this matter, I requested, in writing and sent via Certified Mail on 4/17/2010, that Judge provided me with the **good reason** as to why my case was dismissed with prejudice so that I could understand why he ruled in this matter the way that he did.

As of the date of this letter, Judge has not honored my request and I find it unlikely that he will. I was very disappointed with the Maricopa Small Claims Court System process and I feel that the entire experience was a waste of my time and my money.

Respectfully,