State of Arizona COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 11-292 Complainant: No. 0308110211A Judge: No. 0308110211B

ORDER

A superior court judge voluntarily reported that he issued an unenforceable order.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if the judge engaged in conduct that violated the provisions of Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution or the Code of Judicial Conduct and, if so, to take appropriate disciplinary action. The purpose and authority of the commission is limited to this mission.

After review, the commission decided to dismiss this matter with a private warning to the judge. The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Dated: December 20, 2011.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Dominguez

Louis Frank Dominguez **Commission Chair**

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on December 20, 2011.

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

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA

COUNTY OF

Administrative Office of the Courts Commission on Judicial Conduct Attention: George A. Reimer, Executive Director 1501 West Washington Street, Suite 229 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Self Reporting Re: Issuance of Unenforceable Orders in Two (2) Companion Order of Protection Cases

Dear Mr. Reimer:

telephone conversation, As a follow up to our this communication constitutes my self reporting for issuing unenforceable orders.

, I issued an Order of Protection in On County Superior Court Case No. DO-2011-Said order of was to have protection ordered that Plaintiff exclusive use and possession of the parties' was further ordered not residence and Defendant to go to said residence. Attached is a copy of said order (2 pages).

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issued an Order of Protection in case #J-804-Said order of protection ordered that Plaintiff was to have exclusive use and possession of the parties' was residence and Defendant further orderd not to go to said residence. Attached is a copy of said order (2 pages). Said case was then transferred to the

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Superior Court and assigned case number DO-2011-

After discovering the conflict between the two orders of protection, and after receiving separate requests for a hearing from each of the Defendants, on , the Superior Court conducted an evidentiary hearing, and it modified the order of protection in DO-2011- and affirmed the order in DO-2011- so that Plaintiff still had the exclusive use and possession of the residence as a protected address. See attached copies (2 pages each).

For vour consideration also enclosed are the minutes of the hearing in cases and the FTR recording of the hearing.

During the hearing, the Court, in conjunction with each party's participation, issued orders regarding the removal of Mrs. property, Mr. cooperating in the sale of the residence, and Mr. acting in good faith and keeping the residence in good condition. At that time, the Court was aware that the orders were not enforceable as part of an order of protection.

On , Attorney , on behalf of Mrs. in County Superior Court Cause No. CV-2011- , filed an Emergency Motion for Temporary Restraining Order Without Notice, an Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Application for Temporary Injunction and an Ex Parte Complaint for Order to Show Cause Re: Freeze Sale Proceeds and Return of Plaintiff's Personal Property. Attached are copies of each pleading. The exhibits in support of the ex parte complaint are not relevant; and, therefore, they are not attached.

In the application, Attorney alludes to Mr. conduct as contemptuous, and in the ex parte complaint at paragraph 15, the Court's orders entered at the order of protection hearing are set forth; however, neither pleading requests that Mr. be found in contempt of the Court's orders.

On , in cause #CV-2011- the Court issued its orders and stated that the orders relating to the property and the residence were not enforceable and that the Court improperly entered said unenforceable orders. Attached is a

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copy of said order.

On , the undersigned verbally notified the Commission of its intent to self report.

Enclosures