

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 12-193

Complainant: No. 1447210341A

Judge: No. 1447210341B

ORDER

The complainant alleged that a state administrative law judge improperly found her guilty of receiving unemployment compensation to which she was not entitled.

The commission does not have jurisdiction over state administrative law judges. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety pursuant to Rules 16(a).

Dated: August 31, 2012.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on August 31, 2012.

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

On July 5, 2012 I received noticed from the Arizona Department of Economic Security that I was disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits. I was informed that I had "intentionally" filed for 4 weeks of benefits and that I was being charged with intentional fraud. This information is not true. I never "intentionally" did anything wrong. I am a citizen of the state of Arizona that suffers from a learning disability and mental illness. The 4 weeks that I was over paid; I believed that I had the right to file for those weeks because I was working a temp job not a permanent job. I also had been off my medication for months because as a single person with no children I do not qualify for state medical assistance and I did not have the money to buy my medication. I have suffered from a learning disability and mental illness all my life and without my medication I cannot function. I appealed the fraud charges brought against me but according to Judge

I have a degree therefore I could not be disabled; if only it was that easy. It took me 15 years of hard work and determination to obtain a degree but that does not mean that I don't have a disability or that I have trouble understanding and processing information. I have no criminal record at all and because my disability has interfered with my ability to understand; I am now labeled a criminal. I wasn't provided with an attorney and I didn't have money to hire one this is not fare. The day of the hearing I could barely function and get through the hearing and yet Judge continued with the hearing and made a guilty verdict. The hearing was recorded.

As a result of these charges I have no hope of ever obtaining employment with a felony on my record. I currently am not eligible for unemployment benefits. I am a month away from being homeless on the street with no money and my car is being reposed. The state of Arizona refuses to help me stay on my needed medication because I am single with no kids and then wants to punish me when I cannot function properly. I believe that Judge and the State of Arizona are discriminating against me because I am a Hispanic person who suffers from a learning disability and mental illness. I will be contacting advocates for the disabled along with the president of the United States to inform them of how the mentally ill are treated in the state of Arizona. I may be mentally ill but I have rights and the state of Arizona does not have the right to abuse me or single me out because I am mentally ill and don't have children.