State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Con	mplaint 13-262
Judge:	No. 1090514779A
Complainant:	No. 1090514779B

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge was partial in favor of his exwife in his dissolution proceeding, should have recused himself, and abused his power throughout the proceeding.

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 found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judge did not violate the Code in this case. The commission does not have jurisdiction to review the legal sufficiency of court rulings. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: December 27, 2013.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George Riemer

George A. Riemer Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on December 27, 2013.

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13	MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
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STATEMENT OF CASE

The matter of a Superior Court

Action for a With Children, with the

Honorable as the over the case is the

matter from which this Complaint rises.

The case, to ("Complainant") estimation is considered a high conflict divorce. There were many complicated and emotionally driven issues, which should have or could have been handled completely different by both Parties had both the knowledge and awareness of the emotional impact Court proceedings can have on families. Both Parties, and at all times, were represented by Complainant primarily following the advice of his legal counsel and presumable the mother was as well.

The Honorable is a tenured attorney with more than of experience as a private and in excess of His experience, knowledge, and understanding of the Arizona Court System, statutes, and applicable rules are undeniable and indisputable.

This Complaint arises from Judge using his position in such a gross and negligent manner against this Complainant which caused Judge to veer away from being an

to a zealous opponent of the Complainant and using his authority and position as a Judicial Official in a manner which appears to violate every reasonable rationale and principal as to why one takes their issues before a disinterested entity such as a

Court system.

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It is this Complainant's position Judge excessively used his authority as a Judge to deprive this Complainant of his Due Process rights, punitively deny him parenting time, improper use of debtors prison, violation of Civil Rights, holding this Complainant in perpetual Contempt with no realistic way for to ever be complaint since it exclusively relies on others, which Complainant has not control over, to be Complaint, mismanagement of documents, making disparaging comments directly to and about the Complainant, permitting others, viz, the initial

to make disparaging comments about Complaint to his children with no judicial intervention to guell such devious acts.

When one objectively reviews and weights this Complaint it appears the conduct and actions taken by the Court were more likely deliberate concentrated to contribute to dire and cause consequences to the Complainant both financially and personally. failed to maintain impartiality; would The Honorable direct Complainant to follow certain Orders, and not worry about compliance of other Orders as much, than, in violation of both Due Process, and against his own Orders and communications hold Complainant strictly liable and compliance of all his Orders. the same time he would permit Mother not to be held to any accountable or equitable standard as that of this Complainant, to make disparaging remarks about the would permit a Complainant to the Parties children, continued to demonstrate his disdain for the Complainant and the Parties children from which

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this matter arises by refusing to restore an equalized parenting time schedule although it was in the children's best interest and strongly requested by the Best Interest Attorney (BIA).

Judge he exclusively wanted to preside over his alleged criminal contempt allegations against this Complainant, instead of reassigning the case to the Presiding Judge of Family Court as would appear procedurally prudent.

The allegations alleged will be substantiated by the record, court pleadings, minute entries, public records, interviews and affidavits. Just one of these allegations, if confirmed by this Commission to be true to a judicial standard substantially and severely erodes the natural confidence the general public should have in it's judicial system, let alone if multiple allegations are substantiated as it would lead to a complete deterioration of the public's confidence in the system if not substantially, firmly, appropriate remedied, and forever corrected.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

and the Parties children.

counsel.

On or abou this Complainant filed for a Dissolution of Marriage in Court, at all times from the commencement of the Action until the Decree Orders was issued each Party was respectfully represented by legal

Immediately after the Mother was properly served the Dissolution Action, Mother, unbeknownst to Complainant, filed an Order of Protection ("OOP") against the Complainant, but did not

serve it on him for at least a week thereafter.

On or about it was learned Mother filed for Temporary Orders, which had sought the exclusive use of the primary residence of the Parties by her, and the Parties children.

Further, on Mother also Served Complainant the OOP, and had sought protection from Complainant at the primary residence and her work location, which was also the location where children were currently attending school, thus preventing the exercising of parenting time between the Complainant

From Mother, without Court Order, agreement, consent or any other governing authority unilaterally kept the Parties children from Complainant days.

On the Honorable was rotated off of this case and it was reassigned to the Honorable

the Court held an RMC, unrelated to the 1 On request for Temporary Orders. During the RMC, it was stipulated 2 would be the appointed Custody Evaluator ("CE"). 3 4 The Complainant, after of unilaterally being denied any 5 type of access to the Parties' children by Mother, and without Mother ever showing any good cause for her unilaterally denying the 6 7 Parties children to exercise, at least, minimal parenting time with 8 Complainant, the Court grants Complainant and the Parties children minimal parenting time with each other at Mother's request. 9 On or about the Court Ordered a Mr. 10 11 a professional business evaluator, to perform a forensic valuation of the various business entities of the Parties in support of the 12 13 case. 14 On . Dr. the CE, completed and submitted his Report to the Party's respective counsel and the Court. Dr. 16 Report made it unambiguously clear at least 17 Parties eldest children individually and collectively desired more 18 parenting time with Complainant2. 19 the Court held a Temporary Orders On 20 Hearing, almost from the day of the initial filing 21 for it. During the Hearing, the Court was to determine on a temporary basis, child custody, parenting time, child support, 22 23 spousal maintenance, division of liquid assets. The Court also 24 25

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issued specific Orders to the Parties as it relates to not making disparaging comments of the other in front of the children. (See Exhibit 1, page 6, \P 3)

On Mother kicked the eldest Parties child out of her residence, literally on the street, with a bag of cloths, and advised the child to go live with Complainant prior to the release of Temporary Orders.

Mother also signed a paper authorizing Complainant full custody of the Parties child as she communicated she was no longer interested in having any type of relationship with her eldest son.

(See Exhibit 2)

On Mother and the Parties eldest child were involved in various acts of domestic violence against each other. During the as the police are arresting the Parties eldest child Mother was screaming to the police "[they] freankin' striped him down and violate his every right," from that date to current, the Parties eldest child has not exercised any type of parenting time with Mother. (See Exhibit 3)

the law firm of

withdrew as Counsel for Complainant without timely notice.

On the Court issued a Minute Entry from its Temporary Orders Hearing and Ordered the Parties Joint Custody, as an evaluation period, a joint parenting time scheduled, temporary child support, a denial of spousal

maintenance, and a denial of the division of liquid assets. The Orders fails to recognize the Parties eldest child lives exclusively with Complainant.

The primary reason the Court denied the division of liquid assets is because Mother could not successfully demonstrate to the Court the difference between marital income compared to that of proceeds of business loans, HELOC, and no liquid assets. Further, the Minute Entry included language which directed neither Party to make any disparaging comments of the other Party in the company of the Parties children.

officer advised the Parties that their eldest child would not be turned over to Mother, the child was temporarily in State's custody based on Mother's criminal charges and acts of domestic violence against each other.

On the Court released a Minute Entry reaffirming Mother had exclusive use of the Parties' primary residence and was completely obligated to pay the monthly mortgage payments, and all associated utilities costs.

On Complainant filed a Contempt Action against Mother for not paying any and/or all of the mortgage and ancillary costs as required per the Court's Temporary Orders Hearing and reaffirming Minute Entry dated

On the Court held a teleconference again instructing Mother to pay the mortgages and utilities of the home she has exclusive control and use over.

Court for the children, based on escalated conversations by the children, for them to be interviewed by

Court Conciliation Services, Mother filed a motion in opposition to the children being evaluated by Conciliation Services. The Court on issued an Order directing the children to be interviewed by Conciliation Services.

the Complainant, through his legal counsel, received a copy of the Contempt accompanied with a copy of the Conciliation Services Report ("CSR"). The CSR had actually been available to the Court for release to the Parties since

but the Court, communicated some type of unconfirmed delivery issue occurred through the Court which prevented timely delivery of the CSR to the Parties. The issuance of the CSR came on the heels of the already scheduled Dissolution Hearing scheduled

the Parties it was in receipt of the CSR, and the Court, on its own motion intends to hold the Complainant in Contempt for violation of the Minute Entry, primarily based on the information in the CSR. In addition to the CSR being allegedly misplace for the Conciliation Services person went to great lengths in stating on the morning of the children's interview support staff at Conciliation Services found a large envelop on one

of their desks. It is unknown where or how the envelope was placed there4.

Or. the Complainant was defectively served in

Open Court, during the already scheduled Evidentary Hearing for the Dissolution of Marriage, the Court's Minute Entry against Complainant for an alleged violation of Order, and communicated a tentatively scheduled a Contempt Hearing for the allegations for At no time, as required by Rules was there an Order to Appear or the ancillary documents provided to the Complainant for such an action.

On the Court presented a Minute Entry citing how it determined this Complainant was in Direct Civil Contempt of the Court's Order. (See Exhibit 4)

On the Court issued its Dissolution Decree.

The Decree included the appointment of a

and outlined the Court's Direct Civil Contempt
punishment against Complainant by the Court, after it somehow made
a determination, without ever Hearing a witness, including the
person(s) who made the CSR, which the Court was exclusively relying
on to hold this Complainant in Contempt for being in violation of
the Temporary Orders. The Order also included
payment requirements from Complainant to Mother for Child Support
and appointment of

and division of property. (See Exhibit 7)

Complainant timely files a Motion for New On The primary grounds for a Motion for New Trial are: 1. Court did not permit the release of Mother was/is dating which caused and continues to cause substantial instability for the Parties children: 2. was never produced for the Court and the Parties to correctly use in support of the Scheduled Evidentiary Hearing, although the Court attempts to use, in part, incomplete data from the Report in his Dissolution Decree; 3. Attorney Client conflict; 4. Irregularity of Court Proceedings. On or about Mother, by and through her legal

On or about Mother, by and through her legal counsel files a Motion for Reconsideration primarily pertaining to the distribution of residential property from the Decree Order, and clarification of Holiday Schedule.

On the Complainant filed a Motion to Compel, requesting the Court direct Mother, who had been exclusively living in the primary residence of the Parties residence since the beginning of to produce all of the property which was suppose to be appropriately divided, per The Decree, between the Parties. Alternatively, the Mother while vacating the primary residence per the Decree, sold, took and/or gave away approximately in tangle property of Complainant. It was also observed

and recorded that Mother caused an estimated in physical property damage as she moved out of the residence.

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2	who filed her initial Report
3	to the Court as to the status of her progress in the unification
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5	filed an Objection to the Report produced by the
6	On the submitted a communication to the
7	Court, which had/has the appearance of the unauthorized
8	practice of law (UPL), and Judge does not enforce the Decree
9	dated regarding the release of medical
10	records. (See Exhibit 5, 7)
11	The Court released a Minute Entry or granting
12	Complainant's Motion to Compel and setting an Evidentiary Hearing
13	The Court also Ordered and communicated in the
14	same Minute Entry, on its own Motion, the Parties' can seek a
15	modification of Child Support, which the Complainant pursued as
16	Mother has not provided any financial resources, for the care of
17	the Parties a substantial change
18	in the financial circumstances of Complainant and not being
19	properly apportioned all medical cost between the Partes. (See
20	Exhibit 8)
21	The Complainant timely filed a Pretrial Statement ⁶ with all
22	supporting exhibits in support of the scheduled Hearing to the
23	Motion to Compel, for including a current
24	support worksheet.
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On or about he Complainant filed a motion with the Court for the removal of the currently assigned PC.

on based on the Pretrial Statement submitted by the Parties, the issues which were suppose to be addressed as directed by the Minute Entry dated

Enforcement of Division of tangible property as directed by Court Ordered dated

The Respondent posting a security bond for the division of property; 3. Modification of Child Support/Spousal Maintenance.

However, during the Hearing, the primary focus became the issue of Complainant paying the currently assigned maintaining a retainer of , which was deficient by only at that time, and if the Complainant should be held in Contempt of the previous Order, and communications by the Court. The Court scheduled a new Hearing for the original issues of that Hearing for

On after the Court already receiving information from Mother's attorney during the

Hearing, evidence, that from the very beginning of this Action, the Complainant was immediately removed from the primary residence where he lived with an inability to gain any property or personal items, video and pictures showing Mother removing property from the residence which had a collective value of approximately and property damage in the approximate amount of

The Court determined it could not enforce its Decree Order

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against Mother and decided that any property the Parties already have in their possession was appropriate, and so Ordered, thus modifying its Decree Order which was suppose to be a fair and equitable distribution of property is now lope-sided.

Also, during the same Hearing the Court would 'again' not Hear the Modification of Child Support it moved for on its own during the Decree.

Decree.

On the Court, held this Complainant in Contempt, with incarceration, including releasing the Parties eldest child to Mother, who the each of them having committed various acts of domestic violence against each other, had not exercised any type of parenting time with each other for the previous 18 months, have a very volatile relationship which includes multiple physical confrontations which lead to an arrest, incarceration, and adjudication of the Parties eldest child.

The Court's finding in Contempt on and incarceration thereafter is for a debt owned to the currently assigned for a deficiency of which originally arising from a Court contempt remedy dated A friend of the Complainant paid the deficient plus a new minimal retainer of etainer / debt owed to the to stop the against this Complainant.

During a Hearing, the Court placed the Report produced by the dated as a Confidential Report. During this same Hearing, the Court appointed

a Best Interest Attorney ("BIA"), to the matter. During this Hearing, the Court, asked the Complainant specific questions in regard to the , at the time, because the Complainant did not see the Report produced by the , and could not fully read and appreciate the contents of the Report on the spot in Court at the time. Complainant declined to comment in Open Court, but answered the questions in a submitted motion. (See Exhibit 10)

Or this Complainant, after learning that the currently assigned ', had been making specific disparaging, discrediting, and factually false statements about Complainant to the Parties' children with no other apparent reason than to create or cause turmoil or adversity in a substantially stable relationship between Complainant and the Parties children, this Complainant requested the to be removed from the matter.

the Court held another Hearing, during this Hearing, the newly appointed BIA, who after conducting an exhaustive interview of the Parties children, expressed to the Court the need for there to be a new T.I. appointed to the matter, there should be an immediate restoration of the equalized parenting time schedule between Complainant and his children. There is substantial escalation between children and Mother, the returning children to an equalized parenting schedule would stabilize the children and the volatility they are experiencing with her. The Court outright declined the BIA's request for returning the children to an equalized parenting time schedule. The Court also

declined to remove the and refer her to the behavioral health board, as he alleged he addressed such issues in his

Minute Entry, although Complainant's request came

with no counter arguments from Mother. However, the Court⁷ did appoint a new after a presentation of strong arguments by the (See Exhibit 11).

On the Court held, what was originally a minute Return Hearing, unexpectedly turned into a Evidentiary Hearing with the admittance of evidence, although no Notice of such was advised to either Party.

This Complainant did not, and was not made aware a

Status Hearing was going to turn into

Evidentiary Hearing.

The Complainant was not made aware by the Court it was going to modify the property portion of the Decree, based on the unannounced Evidentiary Hearing it held that same day. During this Hearing the Court determined at some point during the previous Evidentiary Hearing, presumably, the

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Hearing that the Complainant either provided it false information or mislead it in regard to or allowed it to be mislead8 in the division of such property. The Court enjoined the Parties from dissolving any other property until after an Appellate review by this Court.

During this same Hearing, although to date of the filing of this Complaint, the Court has not held the Modification of Child

Support Hearing it said it would and first made available to the Parties on its own account. The Court held Complainant in Contempt for not timely paying Spousal Maintenance, un-reimbursed medical bills, timely paying child support, which roughly is in excess of the continual cost of , all cost associated with the BIA while this Complainant theonly earns per month. It was also determined by the Court that the Complainant's inadvertent error of scripting [but not numerically], an incorrect amount on the check, was deliberate, malicious, and willful, and the Complainant was in Direct Criminal Contempt of the Court, as an MCSO deputy stood next to Complainant dangling hand cuffs while drafting the check.

The Court referred the Criminal Contempt to the Honorably

who has a tentative scheduled Hearing date for

Judge has been called as a witness to

the criminal contempt, and is being requested for depositions. The

Honorably , has been asked to remove himself from this matter

as he will be a witness, deposed to the very case he presides over.

The Court declined to recuse himself.

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Argument

I. Rule 6 - Rules of the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Pursuant to Rule 6 of the Arizona Rules of the Commission on Judicial Conduct there are various grounds for which this Commission can review and investigate the actions and performance of a Judge. It is the belief of this Complainant that the Honorable is in violation of the following:

- 1. Willful misconduct in office;
- Willful and persistent failure to perform judicial duties; and,
- 3. Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute.

Also when we look at Rule 7 of the Arizona Rules of the Commission on Judicial Conduct, we see that it advises the Commission to disregard [or not take action] for a judge for certain inadvertent errors. However, the rule also states, that the Commission should not disregard such findings or conclusions constitute such an abuse of discretion as to otherwise violate one of the grounds for discipline described in these rules or the code.

This Complainant alleges the following against the Honorable

Count 1.

On and

after repeatedly providing Orders directing the Mother to comply with its Orders to pay the monthly mortgage of the primary residence which she was occupying, and never showing or arguing an

inability to pay such cost. Mother refused, and after the Complainant had sought relief from the Court by means of an Order to Show Cause, the Court declined to enforce its own Orders to Mother, as it relates to her being obligated to paying the mortgage on the residence she had exclusive use and control over for

The Complainant was obligated and incurred fees and cost in excess of for Mother's failure to pay mortgage and utilities. The Court's unwillingness to enforce its own Orders, issued to Mother and enforce her to make these payment was directly and exclusively to the detriment of this Complainant and the act was never properly remedied or resolved. (See Exhibits 12)

On or about . Conciliation Services, provides the Court a Report, in support of the matter. However, and according to the Conciliation Services, the Report was inadvertently put in the wrong Judges office and it sat there in excess of . Once, the error was realized, and to this day the Complainant is not fully aware why it took so long to correct the error, or why it took so long for the Court to give Notice to the Parties of the error. The Court, without providing the required time allocations to object to the Report exclusively used the Report to hold this Complainant in both Civil 'punitive' Contempt which ultimately lead sustain loss of parenting time and

debtors prison.

The use of the CRS by the Court for trial and contempt proceeding, without ever providing an opportunity to object and cross the creator by the Parties and the Court is a serious violation of Complainants' due process and Civil Rights since it was prejudicially used against Complainant for Debtors prison and other perpetual contempt punishments.

Count 3.

On the Complainant, through his legal counsel, received the Conciliation Services Report ("CSR"). An Evidentiary Hearing for the Dissolution of Marriage was scheduled

The Court also informed the Complainant in a Minute Entry that it was going to hold a Contempt Hearing on its own Motion against the Complainant for violations of this

Order.

(See Exhibit 4)

Rule 92 of Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure mandate the protocol for the process of issuing a Contempt Motion and how the process is suppose to be handled. Although the Complainant believes there is substantial defects in the Court's compliance of this procedure to the point that it never perfected an actual Petition of Contempt and Order to Appear against this Complainant, there are graver concerns to point out, though, in the totality of this department's review, such a concern should be thoroughly investigated for wrong doing.

The Court, after all of the alleged unusual circumstances surrounding the CSR, as described in Count 2, did not provide a copy of the CSR until one business day before the Evidentiary Trial for Dissolution of Marriage, then releases the CSR one business day before Trial, and verbally directs a Contempt Petition against Complainant it never actually ever produces or properly delivers pursuant to Rule 92, let alone permit Complainant or his legal counsel sufficient amount of time to prepare for a Contempt Hearing or a timely objection to the CSR, or an opportunity to call the creator of the CSR as a witness or to clarify the CSR. The action taken by the Court provides a very disturbing impression upon this Complainant of the intentions of the Court in its duty of the administering justice by not ever calling the creator of the CSR to testify about the document the Court was/is exclusively using to hold this Complainant in Contempt, not following Rules of Procedure for the Contempt Process, and denying the opportunity to face one's accuser.

At no time, as permitted by the Arizona Rules of Family Procedure, did the Court permit a sufficient amount of time for an objection to the CSR, or permit the Parties to call the creator of the CSR to an interview/deposition or as a witness during the trial. Upon review of Court transcripts there were many issues of concerns in regard to various aspects of the CSR and it actually being able to sufficiently substantiate the Court's position against Complainant in regard to contempt proceedings. (See Exhibit 5)

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During the Hearing of the Court heard testimony from the Complainant only about the inconsistencies of the CSR, the questions and answering was completely speculation and conjecture as neither Party or the Court ever took direct Court testimony from the creator of the CSR. the Court issues a Minute Entry that it has found the Complainant in contempt specifically for his 'the Complainant' conduct relating to the (See Exhibit 6)

In the matter of

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the Court distinguished between direct and indirect contempt. Clearly the allegations alleged by the Court, that this Complainant was in violation of its Order, arising from a CSR which has many unusual and concerning circumstances surrounding it, is an allegation of indirect contempt.

Pursuant to Rule 92, the Court, as the Parties, has a duty to issue Contempt Proceedings as required and governed by the Rules. Although this deficiency in the view of the Complainant is serious, it is not as serious as the total disregard of due process, and at best, exclusively relying on Hearsay information, the CSR, with the Court and or the Parties not having been given the opportunity to question the creator of the document being used exclusively to hold this Complainant in contempt.

The qualifications, tenure, experience, and knowledge of should have easily permitted him to recognize the

deficiencies in the issuance of the Contempt, and the total disregard of due process when improperly making findings Complainant was in contempt of Court.

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the Court, based from the erroneous contempt On proceedings as alleged in Count 3 of this Complaint, The Court held and continues to hold this Complainant in a perpetual contempt with a flair of criminal enforcement and absolutely no means for Complainant to solely remedy the Contempt.

Pursuant to Rule 92 of the Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure it specifically states:

> Rule 92 (A) Applicability. This rule governs civil contempt proceedings in all matters related to family law cases. The use of civil contempt sanctions under this rule shall be limited to compelling compliance with a court order or compensating a movant for losses sustained as a result of a contemnor's failure to comply with a court order.

The Court determined, as noted in the Decree, that the Complainant is responsible for all cost between Mother and the Parties which now has unilaterally been expanded to includes for the Parties children. To date, as will be broken down in the other counts this Complainant has spent in excess of dollars for all

(See Exhibit 13)

The Court assumes, based solely on the contempt proceeding

findings that the hostilities, and volatility in Mother and Parties' relationship arises exclusively from the alleged communications of this Complainant for violation of the To make such an assumption the Court has to ignore Mother and the Parties child have had a high conflict relationship from at least the day of filing for a dissolution action up to the point she kicked him out of her residence. Mother and the Parties child had multiple incidences of domestic violence against each other, several of those acts were during a time Mother unilaterally kept the Complainant's children completely away from Complainant. The Mother and child have multiple police reports including our child being arrested and adjudicated for acts of domestic violence with Mother. To this date Mother and child have not exercised any type of parenting time with each other in excess of neither have shown a true commitment or willingness to reconcile any type of relationship with each other.

For clarification, this Complainant does not deny Complaint at one time made such comments as alleged in the CSR, and he does not even deny those comments were/are inappropriate, as alleged. However, the Complainant stopped making those comments long before the Order by the Court. Complainant recognizes many of the conversations examples the CSR had in it substantially mirrored the Report which was completed or However, to hold Complainant in sole and perpetual contempt for the conduct of Complainant has no direct control over is improper

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and violates the very compliance purposes of civil contempt proceedings.

Civil contempt is remedial and the contemnor carries, "the keys of their prison in their own pockets,"

thus a civil contemnor, " is always purged of the civil contempt and coercive force when he or she complies with the Court Order,"

Oriminal Contempt is found solely for punishment purposes, and nothing the contemnor can do will free him or her before the term of the confinement imposed has run. See

The Court's sanction against this Complainant is perpetual, non-corrective and punitive, thus it is a newly formed criminal contempt by own design and against the Rules of Procedure for dissolution matters.

The qualifications, tenure, experience, and knowledge of Judge should have easily permitted him to recognize the sanctions he imposed against this Complainant is improper, significantly exceeds his judicial authority in a dissolution matter.

Count 5.

On after the Court was in receipt of a Report from Dr. which recommended the Parties share in an equalized parenting time schedule, the Court issued an Order in regards to an equalized parenting time schedule.

1 As noted in the Dr. Report, and not disputed by either Party, Mother kept the Parties children from Complainant in excess 2 days, and at no time was admonished by the Court or 3 sanctioned for the malicious act. The Dr. 4 communicates the Parties children want an equalized parenting time 5 scheduled between both Parties and them. The Report did note the 6 7 high conflict of the Parties as well.

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The Temporary Order issued was highly detailed as it relates to all issues the Court considered in support of its decision as it relates to parenting time, custody, and temporary spousal maintenance, child support, and use of the primary residence. (See Exhibit 1)

Report¹¹ clearly

The Final Decree Orders issued substantially reduces the parenting time of this Complainant and failed to remedy Mother's failure to pay Court Order mortgage and utility payments, which was/is to the direct detriment of Complainant.

Or Mother, in her Pretrial Statement took a position of maintaining an equalized parenting time scheduled between the Parties and our children.

When you compare Exhibit 1 with Exhibit 7 as it relates to the determination of child custody and parenting time, with the exclusion of the Court's opinion of this Complainant as it relates to A.R.S. § 25-403(2), and (6), in the Final Decree, there is nothing cited by the Court or Mother as to why there was or a need for a substantial reduction of parenting time between the Complainant and his children.

It is this Complainant's opinion based on the events, time line, the Temporary Orders, Decree Orders, and the factors the Court established in support of those Custody and Parenting Time Orders that the Court awarded Mother Sole Custody of the Parties children and substantially reduced Complainant's parenting time with the Parties children based on its assertion of this Complainant's contemptuous actions as stated in the Final Decree § 25-403(2), and (6).

Even if this Court affirms the finding to assign final decision making to Mother, the reduction of Parenting Time is not substantiated by any of the findings of the Court, and appears to be arbitrary and in direct context with the Trial Court's beliefs of this Complainant's contemptuous acts and its disdain for this Complainant.

Although we can recognize that Temporary Orders are not Final Orders, it does establish a sense of the intent or even motive of the Court. There is no dispute, by Complainant, CSR, and Dr. Report that an equalized parenting schedule was most desired by everyone involved. Further, the children, who should have a substantial say because of age, also indicated they desired an equalized parenting time schedule. At all times, as acknowledged by Mother, during the equalized parenting schedule the Parties children were calm, and performing well, since the removal of an equalized parenting time, consistency and fluidness for the

children has evaporated, so much so the BIA, immediately asked the Court, but was summarily declined, for a return to an equalized parenting schedule, during a Hearing.

In the matter of

the father had sought a modification of custody based on various allegations he made including mother's contemptuous acts towards him and the children. The Appellate Court determined punishment of a parent for contempt is not to be visited on the children and custody is not to be used as a reward or punishment of parent conduct.

Even if this Court affirms the finding to assign final decision making to Mother based on its belief of high conflict between the Parties, the reduction of Parenting Time is not substantiated by any of the findings of the Court, and appears to be arbitrary and in direct context with the Trial Court's beliefs of this Complainant's contemptuous acts.

The issue here, even if Final Decision making is awarded to one parent over the other, and the children's best interest are paramount, such a decision should not be punitive to the children and/or parent, the assignment of Sole Decision Making should not interfere with the exercising of parenting time, which is against the intent of A.R.S. § 25-103(b).

The decision to reduce Complainant's parenting time with his children appears to have no other substantiating motive other than being punitive, arbitrary and denying the general duty of the Court

of its ability of ensure that the best interest of the children's needs are truly held paramount to it, with that of Judge disdain for this Complainant to exceed the four corners of the Court room and causing collateral damage, such moves by the Court is not preserving or protecting the best interest of the Parties children.

The qualifications, tenure, experience, and knowledge of Judge should have easily permitted him to recognize the actions he has taken as it relates to the reduction of parenting was not done by any substantiated claim of the Parties, evidence and testimony, but by his own direction without any supporting evidence which substantiates his actions/orders.

Count 6.

On, the Complainant by means of an OOP, was unexpectedly removed from his residence by the Mother. On and the

Court affirmed and reaffirmed Mother was exclusively required to pay all cost associated with the care of the primarily residence of the Parties. At all times Mother did not expect to stay in the residence, and her willingness to maintain it was not important. (See Exhibit 12)

From the date Mother maintained exclusive use and control of the residence, to the date of Complainant being permitted to move back in the residence, Mother refused, although she could afford to do so, pay any portion of the mortgage, or all of the ancillary

cost, as Order by the Court, but in the aggregate caused and/or burden Complainant with substantial fees and cost, while she exclusively resided at the residence. Basically, Mother, by Court Order, affirming a Lower Court Order of Protection Order, failure to enforce its own Court Order, ultimately Mother lived at the residence rent free, obligation free, duty free, which it's value is in excess of and to the complete un-remediated detriment of this Complainant who had to pay all cost.

On or about the Complainant filed an Order to Show against Mother for failure to pay the mortgage [and any portion thereof], and all associated ancillary fees and cost. At trial the Court fails to holding Mother in contempt or require her to pay any of the cost as previously Ordered, while permitting her exclusive rights and enjoyment of the property, which ultimately this Complainant had to entirely absorb all cost with no set-offs caused financial hardship, and an escalation of attorney fees and cost.

The qualifications, tenure, experience, and knowledge of Judge should have easily permitted him to recognize the actions he has taken was not fair, reasonable, balanced and a thoughtful administration of justice.

Count 7.

On the Court, allocated time for the Hearing for a modification of child

support¹². The relief is much needed, as Complainant has¹³ a substantial change in circumstances and has not received any financial relief from Mother for any financial contribution for the care of the Parties eldest child in over 24 month. Mother has not had any financial obligation to the Parties eldest child, although she can contribute, and non-payment is in contradiction of A.R.S. §§ 25-320(A), 25-501(A) and (C).

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During this same Hearing, the Court provided communications, which, at least on gave the impression the Court was aware of the financial concerns of Complainant, and explicitly communicated to Complainant the importance of what Orders to follow first, as the others were subsidiary in importance.

and multiple other request thereafter, On the Court recognizing such request as originating from the

for a modification of child support, the Court 16 has refused to affirm, set, or uphold its Orders of

and schedule a modification of child support hearing from to current.

The qualifications, tenure, experience, and knowledge of Judae he should have known that he, at a minimum owed a duty to advise the Parties he changed his mind about conducting a modification of child support hearing. However, based on all other events, duties and obligations of the Parties, timely holding the modification of child support hearing he communicated he would, was the appropriate course to take.

Count 8.

On the Court issued the Decree, on it explains the process for the division of tangible property between the Parties, which is estimated to have a value in excess of

On During a Hearing the Trial Court

addressed to Mothers's counsel concerns it had about the process

of the division of property stalling

There is no dispute Mother, by and through her legal counsel is fully aware there is substantial property in her possession which is owed to Complainant. On after Mother refuses to turn-over any 'valued' tangible property and removed all of it from the residence. The Complainant asked and received a Hearing to Compel Mother to produce Complainant's fair share of the tangible property to him as directed by Court Order.

Although, Complainant provides substantial evidence of the improper removal of property, the destruction of property, and the damage to the structure of property and the primary residence while in the exclusive care and control of Mother. The Court issued a Minute Entry stating that each Party would retain the personal

property currently in their possession, with the exclusion of some specific children's photo's Mother was to return to Complainant. The Court, with the issuance of the Minute Entry, modified the Decree and literally left this Complainant with only the set of cloths on his back, and a few pickins's the Mother decided she no longer, which is an unreasonable loss in excess of of this Complainant. Also, that does not include the in physical damage to property while in Mother's care and control.

The failure to enforce, then modify the property distribution portion of the Decree with an estimated value of about for Complainant substantially changes the Decree without it being a fair and equitable distribution of the Court Order, thus an abuse of discretion by the Court.

The qualifications, tenure, experience, and knowledge of

Judge he should have known that he was creating a situation

where there was not a fair and equitable distribution, and

providing the mother not to be compliant with his Court Orders was

failing to administer justice equitably.

20 | Count 9.

On the Court held the Complainant in a form of Criminal Contempt for not being able to afford the continued, perpetual, and escalating cost of the as Ordered by the Court's Contempt Orders. The Court incarcerated the Complainant, temporarily modified custody/parenting time of the Parties eldest child to Mother, which would not have remotely been

in the best interest of the Parties eldest child.

the Court held a Hearing, and amongst other things, it agreed to hold a Child Support Modification. During that Hearing the Court provided the Complainant specific instructions.

At the time of the Hearing, the Complainant is grossing substantially less than Mother, is responsible for a child support order in an amount approximately per month, and a Spousal Support payment approximately per month, and is solely responsible for a balance which has become more and more apparent the Complainant is unable to continually afford, and at no time since the Parties eldest child has exclusively resided with Complainant, and the Court was/is aware of such, has there been any financial contribution of Mother towards his care.

The Court alleges it can hold the Monies owed by Complainant as contempt of child support, the Court was providing no credit for such in the calculation of child support. In fact, at this point the Court will not set a Hearing for the Modification of Child Support since it Ordered it would during the Hearing.

There is nothing in any of the Court's record, the Court's action, which substantiate the Court's contempt charge from

was/is an enforcement or extension of child support obligations, rather it appears to be a contempt which is excessive, does not permit Complainant to correct it and has many distinct characteristics of being some sort of excessive criminal contempt

action.

Further, the monies owed to the arise out of civil debt, thus incarceration is inappropriate. Arizona Constitution, Article 2, Section 18, In the matter of and

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stated, "Payment of debt cannot be enforced by imprisonment for contempt in view of prohibition of this section against imprisonment for debt." However, this Complainant was incarcerated for a period of time, had not a friend paid the debt the consequences could have been dire, punitive and collateral, especially to the Parties' eldest child.

Not only did the Court improperly incarcerate the Complainant, the Court, by request of the Mother, awarded Mother full custody and control of the Parties eldest child. In the matter of

the Arizona Supreme Court states a contempt sanction should generally be limited to, "the least possible powers adequate to end the proposed." The Supreme Court went on to state this especially holds true when a contempt sanction impacts an innocent third Party. Clearly the incarceration of Complainant would have caused substantial collateral damage to the Parties eldest child if he actually was in the care and control of the Mother when the Court actually permitted Mother to take physical custody of the Parties eldest child.

On without the Court holding a Modification of Child Support Hearing as it directed it would since the Court appointed the BIA, and exclusively made

the Complainant responsible for all associated fees and cost, and if such fees and cost were not immediately paid the Court would hold another Contempt Hearing which would include the option of incarceration.

The qualifications, tenure, experience, and knowledge of

Judge he should have known that he was creating a situation

where there was not a fair and appropriate remedy by the Court and

a clear violation of judicial process.

Count 10.

On Mother filed a Motion to hold this

Complainant in contempt for non-payment of spousal support and

child support for the month of The Court granted the

mothers request immediately and set the Hearing for

the Complainant had completely remedied the child support and spousal support issue, thus the Hearing should have actually been a moot issue. However, the Court, without proper, or new Notice, decided to hold Complainant in contempt for not paying April, 2013, child support and spousal

support payments.

There is no Order which specifically stated when Child Support is due, thus, it is/was not unreasonable for the support not to be submitted by

However, when you take on the Court's refusal to hold a child support hearing, as it communicated it would, review the substantial change of circumstances of the Complainant, take into account Complainant is exclusively caring for the Parties eldest child with absolutely no financial contribution from Mother, and the continued and expanding fees the Court unilaterally and exclusively applies towards Complainant, including the fees of a BIA, being a few days past a payment on the first of the month is understandable.

Further, the Court already advised the Complainant, earlier, as noted in this Complaint, that the most important obligation was paying the T.I., the Court would understand if the others Orders were not stringently complied with. (See Exhibit 15)

The qualifications, tenure, experience, and knowledge of

Judge Hannah, he should have known that the Complainant remedied

the Contempt Action of Mother on of and at best

recognize all efforts were being made to Comply with Court Orders.

II. Violation of Rule 81 Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 1.2.

Rule 1.2 states:

A Judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality

of the judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.

Not with standing this Commission substantiating its own violations by the Honorable this Complainant alleges the following:

When we view Count 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, by a clear and convincing standard, the Honorable has violated Rule 81, Canon 1.2 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.

III. Violation of Rule 81 Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 2.2.

Not with standing this Commission substantiating its own violations by the Honorable this Complainant alleges the following:

When we view Count 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Honorable has violated Rule 81, Canon 2.2 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.

This Complainant further alleges, the Court, by and on one hand permits Mother's conduct of violating Court Orders to pass without consequences or efforts to cause a civil remedy for her deficiencies or failure to comply, such as not paying mortgages the Court directed her to pay, determined she could pay, but releases her of such duties, and allows her to destroy, hide, sell, dispose

of personal property at a substantial cost to the detriment of Complainant, while at the same time holding this Complainant to much higher standards of compliance, as it relates to contempt actions. Some of the actions the Court took the Rules of Family Procedure does not even permit the Court to employ. Such activity of the Honorable erodes the very confidence a reasonable person is suppose to automatically assume in a Court for being impartial and fair.

IV. Violation of Rule 81 Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 2.3.

Not with standing this Commission substantiating its own violations by the Honorable this Complainant alleges the following:

When we view Count 4,6,7,8, and 10, by a clear and convincing standard the Honorable has violated Rule 81, Canon 2.3 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.

The Court, in many of its communications to this Complainant has made frequent and derogatory comments directly at this Complainant, most of which is showing an appearance of disdain or prejudice as it relates to this Complainant's socioeconomic status. (Please See Exhibit 16)

V. Violation of Rule 81 Arizona Code of Judicial

Conduct Canon 2.4.

Not withstanding this Commission substantiating its own violation of the Honorable this Complainant alleges the following.

The Honorable has 'apparently' permitted external influences on his judicial conduct and duties. As this Commission is aware, the ability to outright prove that there is an Extra Judicial Source is a very high standard to accomplish, especially without a confession directly from the Judge as to the source of its external influences or prejudices. However, there is no dispute in this Complainant's mind that something far beyond the four corners of the Court Room has adversely prejudiced the Court specifically against this Complainant with all of the unusual activities which are surrounding this matter.

In the very beginning of this process, the Honorable speculated if he should have recuse himself from this case because he had acquired a home loan through one of the Entities this Complainant had a direct interest in. However, it was learned that the Court did not just have a home loan through this Complainant franchised company, but had multiple home loans, which appears could have caused him substantial financial hardship and loses.

In fact, with further inquiry, it was learned Judge had multiple bad experiences in his business dealings with a business this Complainant has a direct interest in. Judge while in

private practice, represented a this known business affiliate of this Complainant in criminal proceedings, and in return Judge used this known business affiliate in efforts to secure various home loans as investment opportunities. However, the business made multiple errors, and he was at risk, and appears to have lost a substantial amount of money, and possible foreclosures.

The conflict goes far beyond the Judge simply doing a home loan; he conducted multiple business transactions with an affiliate company of Complainant, he did multiple deals which, regardless of loses [or gains], caused a genuine conflict, which it was his duty to recuse himself, as he speculated in the narrow dissemination of his securities transactions to the Parties' legal counsel at the beginning of this matter.

However, if he incurred substantial loses, which even temporarily, caused him to change a lifestyle, a vision, a path, a thought for retirement, that prejudice could have spilled over into these proceedings and could quantify the actions and disdain the Court unreasonably took against this Complainant.

The violation of administration of justice is damming, it could be further escalated if the Court did not fully disclose a conflict which should have reasonably required him to recuse himself for this matter. It was also learned, that Judge had a very strong dislike for Mortgage brokers, Complainant affiliates and associates, as it caused him damage. When we look at some of the Judge's rulings such as unilaterally disregarding

in property division, double padding an additional in the form of Spousal Maintenance and an attempt of an equitable division of property, making mention of, "You did not lose your house yet." Putting in Orders and making comments about Complainant's disregard for money, the pieces come together that recusal, was the most appropriate thing for the Judge to do, but he did not.

Judge had/has a direct conflict with a direct company affiliate of mine, which he believes he was serviced improperly, lost a substantial amount of money and felt wronged. Even if all of the above is not true, Judge professional obligation and duty to both the Court's, in general, and the public he serves, required him to recuse himself to save the integrity and confidence of the system and not to use it for self-gaining or retaliatory behaviors.

VI. Violation of Rule 81 Arizona Code of Judicial

Conduct Canon 2.5.

Not with standing this Commission substantiating its own violations by the Honorable this Complainant alleges the following:

When we view Count 1 through 10, by a clear and convincing standard the Honorable has violated Rule 81, Canon

2.5 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.

VII. Violation of Rule 81 Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 2.6.

Not with standing this Commission substantiating its own violations by the Honorable this Complainant alleges the following:

When we view Count 3, 4, 7, 9, and 10 by a clear and convincing standard the Honorable has violated Rule 81, Canon 2.5 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.

The Court, at various times did not provide an opportunity for this Complainant to be heard, intentionally ignored, present witnesses, dispute evidence and Reports, and did not conduct proceedings which it said it would. The frequency and design of the acts are not inadvertent errors but moves which were made to use or leverage the Court system as a compliance weight to what Judge exclusively deemed appropriate, regardless or abandoning its judicial duties and functions in support of this matter.

Judge actions in this matter are not by mistake, his history, knowledge of law, and experience would not elude anyone to believe that such acts, as frequent, and consequential were mere missteps or accidents, the actions of the Court, by and through the Honorable were deliberate, ongoing, and meant to cause harm and/or hardship. However, the acts are also collateral and

caused the Parties children substantial harm as well.

On one hand the Court advises this Complainant it was going to hold a modification of child support, but does not. On the same hand advises the Complainant, don't worry about all my Orders, just the ones as it relates to reunification. On the other hand, then enforcing the very Orders which the Court said it would set a modification for, alternatively, and with what appears to be with malicious intent holds this Complainant in various forms of contempt, both against Rules, Authority, and the Arizona Constitution.

VIII. Violation of Rule 81 Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 2.11.

The Court, as explained in section VII of this matter had a duty to recuse himself, and did not both pursuant to statute and rules. The integrity of his actions, rulings, and performance appears to be, in part, because of an experience he had with a business partner of mine, and a direct company affiliate where Judge lost a substantial amount of money, and/or maybe foreclosures.

However, because of the records being sealed, this Complainant cannot fully measure how substantial the loses were/are, if they are ongoing and if all was in proper order. Thus more research and investigations needs to be conducted to determine why the Court, after having a terrible experience with a direct business associate

and affiliate company did not recuse himself as he initially said he conjectured he would on a mere home loan situation.

A review of all investments, and financial records regarding or associated with affiliates and Judge need to be review to fully appreciate how the disdain the Judge had for my affiliate company could have adversely effected him and his performance as a Judge in this matter. (See Exhibit 17)

Conclusion.

For the above cited reasons, this Complainant submit's his Complaint to this Commission with the full expectation of a thorough and exhuastive review, and investigation to determine wrong doing and how to prevent such from occurring in the future to other people.

It is the hopes of this Complainant that a review will correct some of the improper acts of the Court and ensure that such will not occur again.

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Exhibit list

1. Minute Entry dated -2. Copy of the Mother's paper waiving custody of the Parties eldest child. 3. **Detention Papers for** 4. Minute Entry dated 5. Correspondence dated 6. Minute Entry dated holding Complainant in contempt 7. Order, pages in regard to contempt. 8. Minute Entry dated 9. Child Support Worksheet. 10. Petitioner's Response to Court Questions, dated 11. Minute Entry dated Accumulative Minute Entry requiring Mother to completely pay mortgages 12. associated with primary residence. 13. Ledger showing all payments made for ınd services. 14. Transcript dated in regard to tangible property. 15. Transcripts dated 16. Accumulative Statements by the Court of Complainant. 17. Judg public records - Deeds, Substitution of Trustee, All +(-) denotes, including Notice of Trustee's Sale.