

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 14-214

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged that a superior court judge made inappropriate statements about him.

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 approved sending the judge a warning letter cautioning against the use of humor from the bench. The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Dated: August 22, 2014

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez

Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were mailed
to the complainant and the judge
on August 22, 2014.

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

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**2014-214****COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE****Your name:****Judge's name:****Date:** _____

Instructions: You can use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Please describe in your own words what the judge did that you believe constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times and places that will help us understand your concerns. You may attach additional pages but not original court documents. Print or type on one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your files.

IN THE COUNTY, ARIZONA COURT ROOM,
DIVISION ON 2014 - TIME
WHILE DOING A
JUDGE MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT.
IT'S ORDERED DIRECTING THE CLERK TO FILE THE
AND ACCOMPANYING MINUTES, ASSIGN
IT CAUSE NUMBER AS TO THE
DEFENDANT -- MAYBE THE JUDGE CAN
HALT HIM FROM ENGAGING IN THIS BEHAVIOR IN THE
FUTURE. I DON'T FEEL THAT THIS IS INNOCENT
UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. AND HE ASSIGNED MY CASE
TO A IN A
COURT, WHO WILL SEE JUDGE STATEMENT.
I BELIEVE I HAVE ALREADY BEEN HARMED BY THIS
STATEMENT. HAS BEEN A JUDGE
HERE SINCE THAT I KNOW OF AND HIS BIAS
HAS A HUGE EFFECT ON OTHER JUDGES HERE.
I HAVE IMPORTANT MOTIONS COMING SOON AND
I HAVE NO FAITH IN A FAIR HEARING BY ANY OF
COUNTY JUDGES NOW. PLEASE INVEST-
IGATE THIS MATTER SO I CAN GET A FAIR
TRIAL. THANK YOU.