State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 14-264

Judge:

Complainants:

ORDER

The complainants alleged that a superior court judge was mentally unstable, engaged in improper courtroom conduct and demeanor, and imposed unfairly harsh sentences. A subsequent complainant raised similar allegations in a separate complaint, which was combined with the original, anonymous complaint, for purposes of review.

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.

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

Dated: October 2, 2014

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainants and the judge on October 2, 2014.

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

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name

Judge's Name:

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Unfortunately we are afraid to use our real names because we fear retaliation

from this judge if she finds out that we complained against her. There are a group of us that are in her court who believe that is mentally unstable. This judge takes great joy in humiliating and embarrassing people in front of everyone and that is just not right. She tells people that she knows what they are thinking and according to her there always has to be some planned out scheme if someone makes any type of mistake in their "program". She will regularly hand out hand out sentences that are harsher than what is recommended by a prosecutor. When this judge came into court as a replacement for the former judge, who was fair and decent, she told us that she took this position voluntarily but we have learned from a few attorneys that just is not the case. According to them she was This judge will berate people when she believes that they are lying so if this is true about the then she is a complete hypocrite and needs to be addressed about this. We are hoping that your agency will investigate what she is doing and take the appropriate action to correct this. Thank you.