

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 14-403

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a justice of the peace candidate improperly used a copyrighted photo on his campaign website, made false statements on his Facebook page, and did not reside in the precinct in which he was running for election. The candidate was elected and is now a justice of the peace.

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 as a judicial candidate did not violate the Code in this case. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: January 14, 2015

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed
to the complainant and the judge
on January 14, 2015.

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: _____

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records.

I have three complaints against _____ candidate. The first is on his personal website.

It can be found at _____ and the complaint would be for a copy rights

violation- or it can be looked at as theft. On his website you will find a picture of him, and across the

image you will see the word "PROOF". That is what photographers put there to make sure their pictures are paid for.

That means his picture is actually the property of the photographer and is not his to use even though it is an image of him. It is completely unacceptable for a potential judge to be using a stolen picture.

Second, he makes completely false statements on his facebook page. If you go to his page at

_____ and click on his photos you will find one picture that

says _____ Click on the picture and you will see the statements I am

referring to. Talking about himself he says "Unabashed, proud, conservative, christian,

Disabled Veteran, Eagle Scout, Law Enforcement Officer, Law Abiding, Gun Owning, and Patriotic

American. _____ God Bless the USA." There are some alarming statements

in here. One he claims to be a "Law Enforcement officer" which he is not and never has been.

I have spoken with several officers who say that it is illegal and disrespectful for him to claim that.

He attended the citizens law enforcement academy, and is currently _____ Neither of these makes

him a law enforcement officer. As a _____ he is an officer of the court but not a law

officer as he claims. The few officers I have spoken with were offended that he posted

that and said it is almost impersonating an officer. He also claims to be _____

How can he make such a claim? These are ridiculous false statements made by

someone who wants to be called an "honorable judge". I know I am not the only one

that wants our judges to be honest and have some integrity. Making statements like

this makes me very concerned about his ethics and decision making. I don't trust him.

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The last thing is his residency. He stays with _____ apartment, but doesn't actually live there. I was told that he is running for this position but does not live in the _____ district which would disqualify him for this position. From the few conversations I have had with _____ I no longer believe anything he says. I know that politicians lie but for a judge position shouldn't honesty and integrity be even more important? Please look into this matter. It is serious ethics issue and it needs to be taken seriously.