State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 15-035	

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a justice of the peace made improper rulings in an extradition 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.

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: March 4, 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 March 4, 2015.

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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.

My wife is being held in	county adult	detention cent	er. When sh	e was arrest on a war	ant from	sta	ate, here in	AZ,
on the on	we were informed	d that she woul	ld be seen in	front of a judge on th	e of	at	and that	we could
witness at that time. She	was seen at	but we were	en't allow to	enter the viewing are	a til	after the ju	dge had read	d her the
charges.	my Wife, ask	for an attorney	at that time	and was informed by	him that o	ne would b	e appointed	at a later
time. My wife has		an	d isn't av	ware of up to	at a	a time d	uring a	
She was set on	to see Ju	idge	at	We arrived at the	proceeding	s were dur	ing the proce	eding we
were all instructed that w	e aren't allowed t	o make contac	t with her or	speak at all during th	e court pr	ocess. I wi	tnessed her l	having a
seizure while he was ask	ing her if she was	going to wave	extradition	or fight it at which poi	nt she ask	ed for an a	ttorney and ti	he Judge
stated she is not entitled	to an attorney til	she is extradite	e and asked	her to sign either do	cument. S	he signed	for fighting ex	xtradition
and asked again an attorn	ney to be appointe	ed and was told	he already	addressed that issue.	She was g	jiven no bo	nd, and instru	ucted she
would remain in custody	til the status hea	aring on the	of	I feel she is be	ng unjust	y treated a	and weld acc	ording to
ARS.'s and will	list them or	n this lette	er.					
She has a warrant out of	hat stat	es Interfering v	vith custody,	but The the court her	e in	says its for	r kidnapping l	retained
an attorney in to	work this out on	their end whom	n has stated	that even the office in	charge o	f the warrar	nt in	say that
the warrant in question s	tates interfering v	with custody no	ot kidnappin	g. My attorney also s	tated that	there isn't	a case in refe	erence to
these allegation in any	court just	a warrant from	a local	and that there	wasn't a	case to file	any motions	again at
this time.								
Under the listed ARS's h	erein stated that	she could rece	eive bond, a	nd has the right to le	gal repres	entation if	requested ev	en on an
warrant.the V	Varrant in	stated inter	fering with o	child custody with		bond and	that isn't wha	at's being
allowed by the j	udge.							
ARS. 13-3850 A	ARS. 13-38	55 ARS.	13-385	6				
I have made attempts to d	liscuss this with th	e county admir	istration her	e in and receive	d a call ba	ck from the	victim's right	advocate
where I was informed they ha	ave done nothing wr	rong and the judg	e only has to	go by the ARS for his de	cision on bo	ond which the	ey said they an	e following

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I was told they followed it to th	ne letter and that I am wrong and interpreting the ARS for the Uniform Extradition	on Act improperly
I have spoke with several diffe	erent agency, and tried to bring the mistakes made with the action in this court t	o the county and
no attempts were made to remedy	y the mistakes and actions I have tried to address. I request that these actions be invest	igated so as not to
allowed to happen in the fut	ture to any other defendants or persons set before this judge or court in	Arizona
I have also been informed that	at the Prosecutor told	ntation because
fugitive warrants in county are	e charged as a civil violation code not criminal code so she isn't entitled to have an attorney dur	ring her proceedings
Like the Judge had told here. Law	enforcement informed me that my wife's code is a criminal code violation not a civil one like	said the county
Prosecutor stated. Even the	ough she asked for an attorney in court the judge stated she didn't get	one in Arizona
and that one couldn't	't help her in the matter before the court that day if sh	ne had one.
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