

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 15-072

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

A municipal court judge self-reported an improper ex parte communication.

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 an advisory letter, reminding him to refrain from discussing his court cases in public venues. The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Dated: May 12, 2015

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 May 12, 2015.

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

Statement

On _____ at about _____, I stopped at _____
 While waiting in line, I noticed that _____, the _____ in charge of the _____ was
 behind. I see _____ there. _____ asked me how I was doing. I answered with a
 statement of _____ who repeatedly _____ because
 is out of town or _____. They then _____.

After we both went _____, I realized that my remarks were _____. I approached
 and said so. _____ responded that _____ understood as
 _____ went on to say the _____ I realized that _____ was speaking about
 which is _____ and said _____.

I reported the incident to Judge _____, my Presiding Judge, and advised that I was recusing myself. He
 agreed and the case has been reassigned.