State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 15-340

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge engaged in improper ex parte communications with another judge and that he was threatened with jail time if he testified for the defendant in a criminal case.

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. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Commission members Anna Mary Glaab and J. Tyrrell Taber did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: February 5, 2016

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 February 5, 2016.

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

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