

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 16-156

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to correct attorney misconduct, engaged in inappropriate demeanor and ex parte communications, tampered with official court documents, and failed to afford her the opportunity to be heard.

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(a).

Commission member Peter J. Eckerstrom did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: July 20, 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 July 20, 2016.

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

I understand the commission cannot reverse court orders or assign a new judge to a case.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information and the facts I have provided up to this point are true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Use the following space or plain paper of the same size to explain your complaint why you believe what the judge did constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific as to names, dates, times, and places relevant to your allegations. Additional pages may be used and relevant copies of documents may be sent with your complaint (please do not submit original documents). Use one side of each page only and write legibly or type your complaint. Please keep a copy of your complaint for your records.

Honorable judge _____ demonstrated improper and unethical behavior on numerous incidents. Yet due to _____ I feared retribution _____ I am filing against the individuals participating in inappropriate behavior during my trial and trial proceedings. Please see below and attached emails and forms. In _____ Honorable Judge _____ failed to correct or prevent inappropriate behavior of a non party attorney _____ Attorney _____ contacted the _____ to request information _____ yet, _____ to believe that he was _____ attorney which he was not. _____ filed and forwarded to Judge, who then recused himself from case. Non party attorney argued in court that an order had been submitted _____ from having _____ Judge yelled stated he would hold me and _____ in contempt. After hearing I gave order to lawyer who showed to judge who then apologized, but let _____ go without any comments.

In re _____
Honorable judge _____ repeatedly losing his temper and shouting in anger at attorneys, litigants and court staff, both inside and outside of the courtroom. The judge engaged in ex parte communications and made inappropriate comments to _____. The judge also tampered with an official court record for the purpose of concealing non party attorney involvement in case _____. name is not listed as counsel on any minute entry, yet Attorney _____ spoke in every hearing on behalf of state prosecution that tended to show bias against a defendant whose case was before him.

In re _____
Honorable judge _____ failed to afford me the defendant the right to be heard, and initiated improper ex parte communications concerning a matter which he threatened to hold defendants in contempt of court, and then failing to disqualify himself from hearing a subsequent motion _____