State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged that seven superior court judges and three superior court commissioners issued improper legal rulings, failed to follow the law, and failed to administer justice.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if the judicial officers 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 judicial officers, rulings. In addition, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judicial officers did not violate the Code in this case. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, as to all ten judicial officers, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Commission member Anna Mary Glaab did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: August 24, 2016

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the ten judicial officers on August 24, 2016.

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

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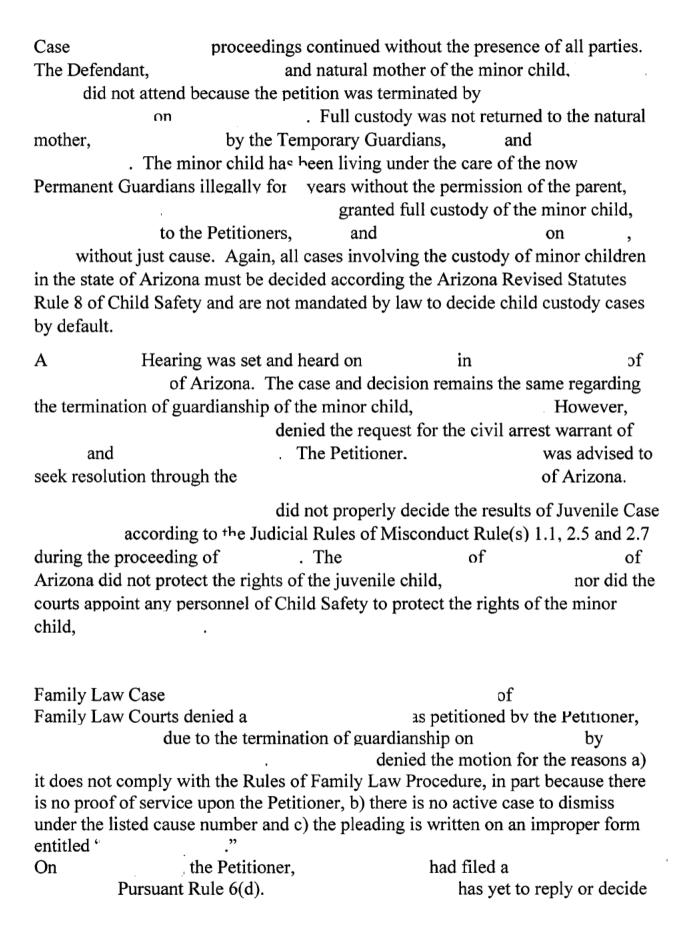
COMPLAINT OF MISCONDUCT **BRIEF STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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This is a Brief Statement of cases and legal matters which are comprised of several Arizona Code of Judicial Misconduct and Disability violations, specifically Rule (s): 1.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7 and 2.9 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Misconduct pursuant Rule 81 of Federal Court Procedures.:

Case (s):

#	Judge	of the		held		
a	hearing on	regardin	g the termination of guard	ianship of		
minor,	in the	;	of A	Arizona. It		
is understood that in all cases involving custody and guardianships of minor						
children in	children in that juvenile cases decisions are upheld over					
family law cases. Pursuant Arizona Revised Statutes Rule (s) 8, Child Safety, the						
removal a child from the home or care of a guardian and/or parent must be decided						
according to law.						
On	, the P	etitioner,	and natural mo	other of the		
minor chile	d.	petitioned a warrant for the arrest of the Defendants.				
and		, Temporary Guardians of the minor child,				
	The Defendants,	and	had petition	oned		
permanent guardianship of the minor child, on .						
The petition was terminated by						
However,	the Defendants,	and	had not ret	urned full		
custody of	the minor child,	child, to the natural mother.				
A hearing for permanent guardianship was scheduled on and						



with the courts or the petitioner and respondents regarding the legal filing of the as prescribed by law. Under the Arizona Code of Judicial Misconduct. is not administrating justice within the rules of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct according to Rule(s) 1.1, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7 and 2.9. failed to comply with the rules of the Arizona Revised Statutes regarding Family Law Case had neglect her responsibilities as a judge, failing to administer judicial law according the Arizona Revised Statutes. The following Judge(s) were all parties to Family Law Case and . On and had filed a minute entry regarding the regarding Custody pursuant to Petitioners,' and . All parties were not present. and ordered all parties to attend a and file their certificate. No formal charges of neglect or abuse had been presented according Arizona Revised Statutes, Child Safety Rule 8. The child was taken from the child's grandmother and mother's custody without just cause or permission according the laws of and both violated the Arizona and Code of Judicial Misconduct, Rule(s) 1.1, 2.5, and 2.6. Civil Complaint # of the of Arizona denied a filed on for no just cause. violated Arizona Judicial Misconduct Rule(s) 1:1, 2.2 and 2.5. had no basis to deny the based on Rule 55 of Arizona Civil Procedures. All parties had been served according to law by the Sherriff's Department pursuant A.R.S. 4.1 of the Arizona Revised Statutes. Civil Complaint # and Arizona were presiding judges for of the Civil Complaint # . The Petitioner, filed on

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Negligence against Defendants,

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