

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 18-086

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a municipal court judge improperly defaulted her on a photo radar ticket.

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(a).

Dated: May 16, 2018

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Margaret H. Downie

Margaret H. Downie  
Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on May 16, 2018.

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

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**2018-086**

**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.

On \_\_\_\_\_, apparently I was photographed supposedly driving at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent. After receiving a notice of this, I went to the scene to see how my actions were contrary to ARS 28-701A and I could not see how in the world I was not prudent. I also questioned the legitimacy of the photo trap. Therefore, I asked for a hearing without a lawyer, since the expense of a lawyer would have been far greater than the fine. I was given a court date of \_\_\_\_\_

I was stressing so much about appearing in court (I was ill), I decided to pay the fine although I thought it was highway robbery. Little did I know, the robbery would get worse. On \_\_\_\_\_ I wrote a letter to the \_\_\_\_\_ and addressed the envelope to \_\_\_\_\_ In that letter I told him I had paid the citation by Bill Pay and it should be received no later than the \_\_\_\_\_ and ... "scheduled court date of \_\_\_\_\_ and obviously that can be cancelled."

I thought the matter was taken care of, even though I thought it was a lawless charge in the first place.

Lo and behold, I receive another letter asking for \_\_\_\_\_ Now I am convinced the whole thing was a scam in the first place. After numerous calls to a number of \_\_\_\_\_ I reached a judicial assistant who told me this could only be taken care of if I came to court, and that is when I wrote the enclosed letter pointing out the hearing date should be cancelled and that the fine was paid.

I asked for an acknowledgment of my \_\_\_\_\_ letter but no response ever came. Again, I am thinking everything was taken care since I did not receive a response.

So here I am today with a license suspension I just received in the mail. This so-called judge really knows how to stick it to an elderly citizen who has done everything as required. I hope you folks can insist this traffic judge obey the law himself.

As you can see from the enclosed documents, of which there are ~~15~~, today I have paid the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ but this is just not right.

Would you please respond so I know someone out there is actually protecting a citizen's right to not be scammed by the justice system?