

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 18-148

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged an appellate court judge allowed pro tem judges in his court to exceed their authority.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if a judicial officer 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 a judicial officer's rulings. In addition, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judicial officer 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 Diane M. Johnsen did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: July 31, 2018

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 31, 2018.

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

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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.

I, _____, in his capacity of _____,
is allowing his staff attorneys to make unauthorized decisions on case matters in the
of _____

Staff Attorney, _____, in his capacity of a _____,
dismissed _____ into the _____ on _____ arbitrarily. My
was properly filed via _____

In accordance with _____, _____ in
the _____ has written and Ordered for _____ staff
attorneys of the _____ including staff attorney _____ to be
appointed as _____ for the _____, beginning the term
and ending _____ In this Order is an attachment that lists the type of Orders and
Motions that _____ are authorized to rule on defined, non-dispositive motions.

_____ is allowing his staff attorney, _____ to rule on my
when the _____ written Order written and ordered by _____ on the
the _____, does not authorize for _____ to rule on Notice of Appeals in

By _____ to allow this process has caused _____ into the _____ to
be frivolously dismissed without thorough and appropriate review.

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I, _____, in his capacity of _____,
is allowing his staff attorney to make an unauthorized ruling on my _____ I filed in the _____

Staff Attorney, _____, in her capacity as a _____ denied my
Motion for Reconsideration _____ on my _____ into the _____
_____ without any legal stipulation or rebuttal of any kind.

In accordance with _____ in the _____
_____ has written and Ordered for _____ staff
attorneys of the _____ - including staff attorney, _____ - to be
appointed as _____ for the _____, beginning the term _____
_____ . In this Order is an attachment that lists the type of Orders and
Motions that _____ are authorized to rule on; which are defined, non-dispositive motions.

_____ is allowing his staff attorney, _____ to rule on my _____
when the _____ written Order by _____ does not authorize
for _____ to rule on _____ of filed _____ in the _____

Because of this inappropriate allowance, this has caused my _____ to be
frivolously denied without any legal explanation of any sort and without thorough and appropriate review
and has denied me appropriate due process of law.