

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 18-174

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased against her and rude to her in a settlement conference.

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).

Dated: August 31, 2018

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

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

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Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**2018-174****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 was in a Divorce proceeding. The Honorable _____ I was assigned to our case. Judge _____
I ordered a resolution conference to be held with Judge _____ We were in separate
rooms accompanied by our Attorneys.
Judge _____ arrived and asked what I wanted to resolve this divorce. I answered her,
Judge _____ said she _____ (I was under the
impression she thought I was asking for too much) as she had an attitude about my offer. I was told she
was supposed to be impartial in these proceedings. _____ vehemently scoffed at my offer responding
that she would _____ was rude to me during the negotiation process. She
proceeded to inform me that I should accept any offer my spouse made because I had no money to pay
my attorney the large court cost if we went to court. _____ also acknowledged she knew my spouse
had plenty of money to spend on attorney fees and basically starve me out. She was extremely partial to
my spouse and his requests, (does she have an agreement with _____)??? _____ demonstrated
no integrity on my behalf. _____ had an angry presence and I felt threatened to the point of abuse.
Judge _____, (knowing I had a court order from Judge _____ for spousal maintenance, told me I
should not ask for Spousal Maintenance. I explained to her upon my spouses request I have not worked
during the marriage, and am not a career woman. I am _____ and will have a difficult time entering
the job market. As was ordered by Judge _____ I had a standing order for spousal maintenance. I
also explained to her I had a _____ and have other health issues and I do not
have enough property or assets or resources to sufficiently provide for my reasonable needs. She refuted
none of that would matter in a court. Again she asked what terms I would settle for and again she refused
to take my offer to my husband. She then went off on a rant about _____, saying she got
nothing and I should take what is offered up by my husband and be thankful. It was obvious she was
harboring anger about her past and was not able to see things with impartiality. It was as if she did not
want me to get a better settlement _____ was not courteous to me
and was extremely impatient. I felt attacked by her. _____ demonstrated No Integrity and No
Impartiality as a Judge in this situation is ordered to exude.
I felt beaten up by her as she would not represent my requests. I was shocked at her attitude toward me.
Needless to say, I was under Duress and felt she had coercion with the _____ about the settlement
terms. I informed _____ I owed my previous attorney, who had a Mechanics Lien on my
settlement _____ which I would have to pay. _____ told me and my Attorney is my witness, I did
not have to pay my previous Attorney. I went into this marriage with no debt and now I was going to owe
she said " _____ I gave up and settled for much less than I believe Judge
_____ would have ordered. I am over _____ in debt and am on _____ with no job. I was totally
disheartened about the Judicial process in this settlement conference and was so beat up I gave up my
right to trial. I believe _____ is not a good fit for a Judge.