

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 18-179

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a justice of the peace did not afford her an opportunity to be heard.

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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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____ Judge's Name: _____

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I am a regular person and not an attorney or have a huge understanding of the law. I was charged for a _____ by the _____ here in _____. I was over charged for a _____ that took _____. The billing for this procedure was over _____ my _____ some of it and I was billed for about _____. I thought this was insane for what I had done I was billed _____ a _____ for a _____ that the hospital aid took _____ and it took _____. This bill was over inflated and as far as I am concerned fraud. I tried to work with the hospital they would not lower this bill or work with me on this. I _____ and my bills were over _____ and never was I billed this amount on my part. I _____ back in _____ and had _____ put in and also was never billed for my part anything close to this amount. Basically I feel a _____ out patient procedure should not cost _____. The hospital _____ they did the same thing they would not work with me. I received a document that they were going to file for a _____ against me for this bill. I did not understand the legal procedures for this so I filed a letter stating they should not be able to serve be alternatively due to this is not even a valid bill. I did not do this correctly the next thing i knew I had a _____ against me. I felt maybe down the road I could settle with this _____ and move on. Next thing i get a _____. I request a hearing and I am told this is only for the _____ not the actual _____. I am told at this hearing on _____ that I need to file a form called a _____ and I should seek legal counsel to help me with this. Due to this case is only about _____ with fees and such I called _____ attorney's in _____ and no one would take my case. I called _____ and _____ . I was told my case is too small and they can't help me. I spoke to the legal assistant at the office of _____ told her my story and she said that is funny she has the same thing happen and was also very upset. From what I have been researching the hospital here in _____ does this on a regular basis. That is very said I thought a hospital is supposed to help you not bankrupt you with _____. Anyway I had to file the _____ myself since I could not find an attorney to help me. I received this letter dated _____ denying my request and not even allowing for a court date to defend myself on this judgment. I agree I may not have done this correctly but no matter what I deserve to hear my side heard and how this was handled by this judge is WRONG!!! Basically if you are over charged for something and you don't know the legal system you can't even get heard or fight for your rights. I think it is very sad that I was over charged and tried to get anyone to help me no one would and now i have a _____ and my _____ causing me a HUGE financial hardship since I am the _____ in my household. Basically I am being told that if I am over billed and no one will work with me my side of this _____ is not worth hearing. I feel that is a true injustice and very WRONG. Why would this judge tell me to file a _____ and then not even allow me to get a court date to be heard. Sounds truly unfair to me!!!!

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I feel the judge should have granted me a court date to dispute this judgment even though I did not handle the response correctly. Again I am not an attorney or in the legal profession. It is truly not my fault that no attorney will take my case because it is too small and not worth their time. It is not small to me and has caused me some real financial hardship. I feel at the _____ that I did not understand or realize I could not dispute the judgment because again I am not in the legal profession. I truly thought when the judge told me to file a _____ I would get a court date and be heard. I feel this was a true dis justice to me and this is not what the legal system should be about. I should be able to fight a judgment that I feel was obtained wrongfully and I should not owe this money. Why can my side not be heard how is that justice for me. It is not how can judge tell you to file a form and not even allow you to state this judgment should not be valid I should have never been charged this for the _____ that was done on me. How fair is that.