

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 18-235

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased against her, did not afford her an opportunity to be heard, and made improper rulings in a family law matter.

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

Dated: November 14, 2018

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on November 14, 2018.

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

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Please note, that before becoming a Judge in

To frame this complaint I think It's important to provide some background information. I was while increasing his had gotten so bad I was I had never had contact with and after trying repeatedly to start a and said he was I was afraid he would , on the later and another arrived. During the had driven back to our entered with his headlights off and was just sitting in a dark car behind the Immediately upon arrival it was clear that Evidently he had been and had to drive from

spoke outside to first, then came inside and asked me because I was afraid. I began to cry. I said that I had never and had only called When I spoke with (I can request a copy either return or hold him up until he so whoever was on patrol that night could went out and talked with only to come back inside and make the following additional comments; told me (as I was describing and showed him the in the was taken to his oldest

The following day got an emergency in place, what a battle, but was As a result of this experience I wrote, had notarized a full recount of the I delivered the recounts to the Because I had worked as the I thought somehow I would be afforded my Constitutional Rights, not so. The said it was a issue. said the footage was reviewed by him and the harassing phone call from then concluded times I have requested a copy of but have never received it.

The I called around to see if any attorney's offices were open and so I made an appointment to meet with At the initial asked me if I had a and I did. It was a told me that the would just be held in a and the balance would be returned to me just as soon as the finalized (Did I mention that

look at after I had asked his staff for what my balance
was, their standard reply was, I wanted to
what money was left, and hire another

I have been in front of The time was
by telephone as I was in Because I was silenced
every time I tried to speak, I asked
he told me

Per the minute entry from I also
ruled (among other things) that the had to be removed from the but no
specified. I fully intended to remove the when could get his
personal belongings, but I was never given the chance.

In the court only to get his personal
belongings. In direct violation of that and with no recourse from went to
for his "

Then to accompany
them, hired a and all
outbuildings. Just prior to the had sent me into my
home, requests I denied as I knew from me
on our property while the
looked on. They took:

I was beyond shocked to arrive home and find them wrapping
up their pillage of our property Just humiliate me further, the
made me and halfway down my street to allow and
to pass. This until court on at which
time was promptly ignored.

the following
belongings. Another contains from one of to the
house where he claimed I and was awarded an against me. Another
is waiting for me to leave and was he claimed I

The I filmed at the I was told by
to go there and show them the while my
was in place also went to knocked on the door,
and caught and asked her (in a round-about way) for
me to make contact. Per the you can see the to get
me to make any I had no clue everyone in and the
and
with an , never once trying to
contact me and then taking my

During the once again upheld my but
allowed on the property any time as claimed he had work to do. What
did when he came, was everything he could from outside our shop while I
would and stay inside for my safety.

When everything and they were only left with the to lie, while under oath. and on the stand, she intimated that the I paid those key and key to the while simply allowed and

continued to violate the and would come into the house while I was told, , then I would call the only to be So I continued to put a as continued to remove things. had never stipulated a could come to the house, he expected me to always leave it as just continued to remove things. I was encouraged by my and let them know what was happening. was absolutely furious at me at our next court date for

Before any had been filed I had transferred my into my own Judge allowed accusation of me and told me I was in contempt of court. I had no idea why and my never did, despite numerous requests, tell me why.

Towards the end of this hearing if he could address some additional issues, as he had a with our next court date. I shook my head No and responded but said to proceed.

I was taken into a side room by my then and said for the charge held in his I had to make the minimum payment. So I asked the what the minimum payment was and she said the minimum payment was One more contempt of court by In addition to the initial payment I have since made payments

I was also made to deposit into in the amount of I was also made to give even though he has which he has invested all during the course of our allowed that as well.

After I had been ordered to give half my make payments on our which no one bothered to tell me- one more contempt of court per I was devastated. On the way home from court That night

The car awarded to so I took it immediately to glass for window repair, which my insurance covered the car at who worked there, got the keys then drove it to our home in Once there they in which they placed a hammer in the seat, did to the car with the hammer the got from under the canopy at later returned the car to and had the window (paid) replaced.

At our next court hearing I was annihilated by He was furious with me for for all damage to the lifted my ordered me to live in our , ordered the return of all (I had removed them from the house due , awarded full use of all house/property, and gave me one hour to grab my things