

To: Aaron Nash, Chair, Task Force on Countering Disinformation  
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Re: Prolific questionable posts on [the website] as a threat to the U.S. judiciary  
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The Task Force on Countering Disinformation (“The Task Force”) was formed by Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Brutinel in 2019 after national security specialists informed the Conference of Chief Justices that Russia and possibly other enemy states could be attempting to undermine the stability of the nation by discrediting the judiciary.

As a member of the Task Force and its Working Group 1, I was assigned to contact a list of judges who, in response to a questionnaire, had reported receiving disinformation or misinformation. From my interviews, I learned about questionable comments/postings on judges posted on [the website], which is designed as a public rating-and-comment site on the judiciary in all fifty states.

I have studied the comments posted on [the website] in depth. After selecting as a test group all judges in Maricopa County, Arizona, I first compiled, numbered, and studied each of the more than 500 disparaging remarks about those judges (**Attachment D**, Numbered Comments). I noted a large number of common linguistic traits indicating a common origin and authorship. The comments, individually and as a totality, raised conspicuous red flags. The same themes and linguistic traits were found in postings about judges in other U.S. jurisdictions. (**Attachment E**). Following are my observations:

(1) The site’s comments were overwhelmingly denunciatory with respect to the majority of Maricopa County judges. In other words, the majority of Maricopa County judges were denounced as unfit to sit on the bench. The comments employ a large number of common terms, phrases, and themes which are repeated in hundreds of postings. A majority of the postings contain common linguistic characteristics with other posts. These identical idioms, vocabulary, and phraseology constitute a virtual glossary or lexicon of denunciation, slander and hate and, collectively, constitute the majority of the postings. I have catalogued the recurrence of numerous common idioms employed on the site in **Attachment A**, Denunciatory Themes.

(2) The site also includes many postings by a “Criminal Defense Attorney” that are implausible and obviously counterfeit due to misuse of the English language and ignorance of basic legal facts. They were likely not written by an attorney. Ditto the comments by “court staff.” Some comments employ the European spelling of the words “judgement,” “favour,” and “behavior.” See **Attachment B**, Questionable Postings/Red Flags.

(4) If the reader of this analysis is skeptical of the questionable and possibly counterfeit nature of the postings, following are two examples:

(Posted by “criminal defense attorney”) Now that all the ‘karens’ of the world are getting exposed it’s time for this piece of shit to get exposed. With all the problems of systematic racism, this dick licker is part of the system and one of the main issues in society today. This is a male version of a “Karen” in a position of power who supports all the other “karens” to

achieve oppression. This is a man who feels inferior around a real man. Howard your a piece of shit, you were born one, remain one and will die a piece of shit. You serve yourself not the people & your face looks like a 100 year old scrotum sack.

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(Posted by "court staff") Do not vote for him. He is a waste of tax payer money. He sides with money. Crooked celebrities. He is on the side of Hollywood dirty money and not hard working tax payers from his own state. Vote him out. Before he allows you to be ripped off. One sided and has no clue about moral values. I feel sorry for his children, grandkids, wife, cause a mockery was made in His courtroom and he allowed a felon who isnt from this state and cannot voter to win over a hard working man who voted for him. Our system is a joke.

(4) Threats against judges' job security, reputations, livelihood, and lives constitute the major thrust of the comments. There are over 80 comments urging others to remove/ wage a FB campaign to remove/ investigate/ disbar/ sue/force into retirement / put in prison / send to jail/ file a complaint against/make to pay the State back for all the money reaped from defrauding the system/ hang/ or "quarter," specific judges. See **Attachment A** under the term "Threats."

(5) The secondary theme is derogation of Arizona's and the nation's judicial system, including the obligation of jury service. See **Attachment A** under the term "Disappointed in the legal system."

(6) A significant number of these posts openly incite hatred of, and violence against, specific judges and would seem to constitute anti-judge hate speech. See **Attachment A** under the term "Hate Speech."

(7) Grotesquely slanderous postings are leveled at some of the Maricopa County bench's highest-rated and most respected female judges, and others accuse judges of both genders of religious, ethnic and gender bias, or are themselves crudely discriminatory. See **Attachment A** under the term "Women and minorities" and "Bias."

(8) [the website] is a significant source of public information on judges, and should be taken seriously. See **Attachment C**, which consists of screen shots of Google listings on specific Maricopa County judges. Its impact as information sought by the public. Several posts express fear of appearing before a judge after reading comments on [the website]. Other posts expressed alarm at the exaggerated denunciations of judges, which they termed "a mission to slander her," "bully[ing]," "shock[ing]," and "so off the mark it's shameful." As a pervasive source of public information on judges, [the website] poses a threat to the public's confidence in the judiciary, and can only serve to intimidate judges who are concerned for their professional standing.

Most importantly, the effort to populate the site with false denunciations appears to be directed at the entire U.S. Judiciary. (See **Appendix E**.) If these suspicions are confirmed, some degree of ongoing threat is posed to U.S. judges' standing, public acceptance, and independence. Without any doubt, due to the sheer volume of hyperbolic denunciations and hate speech, [the website] is currently weaponizing contempt for and hatred of U.S. judges, with implications for judges' security and safety. National security researchers, after reviewing this report, have confirmed that the postings are consistent with Russia's and other hostile states' efforts to delegitimize U.S. institutions and destabilize our democracy. It is my hope that they and other professionals in national security will further investigate the postings and attempt to either confirm or disprove my tentative conclusions. pth

## ATTACH. A: DENUNCIATORY THEMES [the website]

### Numbers reference Attachment D, Numbered Comments

#### BIAS

Judge is biased/makes up mind on day

1, 8, 10,13, 16, 20, 29, 38, 40, 41, 42, 46, 51, 65, 72, 75, 90, 91, 92, 95, 109, 113, 131, 132, 133, 143, 151, 170, 174, 191, 197, 211, 212, 231, 232, 234, 238, 305, 324, 415

2, 17, 114

Proven to not be fair and impartial

109, 110

Biased toward the defense

478, 509

Biased in favor of father, against mother

554, 555, 559

“Bias” against women and minorities

313

Biased against pro pers

542

Biased in favor of banks

Biased against men

13,24, 38, 53, 66, 73, 118, 132, 175, 177, 179, 219, 236, 237, 564, 565, 566

Biased against women/ women lawyers, hates women,

105, 118, 145, 146, 154, 155, 156, 249, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 309,368, 369, 370, 374, 376, 380, 381, 382, 397, 442, 447, 448, 452

Anti-breastfeeding

255

His decisions swing toward short skirts, law cut blouses and women show can dry a good cry

195

“Oh and this drug and alcoholic abuser . . .is a MALE. . .HYATT is very easily tricked by a good laugh and charm . . .wolf underneath a sheep’s skin for sure.”

267

She may always judge against women in her court, but she will definitely rule against brown faster

247

544

Will rule for an abuser, gives custody to criminals

255, 451

Only listens to CPS

6

Bought and paid for by CPS

6

Pro-Mormon bias

27, 536 ("MESA MALE, if that doesn't say it all! He did not read the case by the moron answer . rubber stamp a monkey can do. he needs to stop playing favorites with the temple trotters!")

This judge is completely bias

8, 81

In an attorney's pocket

368, 369

Rules based on whether you have money

78, 105, 451

"Bias" "towards men" meaning against men/pro-mother

15, 16, 24, 30, 38, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 75, 82, 118, 120,

"Bias" towards mothers

182, 434

"Bias" towards prosecution

250

Bias (she is bias)

515, 537

Biased toward (against) soldiers

78

Anti-military and berates and yells at soldiers

419

Biased against Jews

199

Hates pro ses

398

Biased in favor of powers that be

567

Biased in favor of men who are offenders and those with domestic violence history

102

Blatant hatred for mothers/ women

251, 252

Biased in favor of the defendant/ a convicted murder and immoral defense team

484, 486, 504

Biased against middle eastern people/ men of color

41, 81

Biased against people with a disability

407

Made derogatory comments about men from the middle east/ racist

42, 66, 81

## THREATS TO REMOVE FROM BENCH

Should be removed, investigated/ FB campaign to remove/ or disbarred/ or sued/should never have been appointed/time to retire/ should be put in prison for all she has done to the citizens of Arizona and their children/ she should be sent to jail/should be investigated, and made to pay the State back for all the money they are making while frauding the system (483)/let her retire and never be heard from in Court of Arizona again 507

13, 35, 47, 56, 62, 64, 66, 74, 75, 89, 99, 107, 119, 126, 130, 134, 163, 167, 179, 185, 192, 193, 194, 205, 215, 216, 227, 230, 231, 234, 245, 252, 255, 257, 270, 271, 278, 284, 285, 288, 297, 309, 313, 367, 373, 374, 384, 393, 394, 413, 414, 423, 425, 440, 451, 461, 462, 463, 465, 467, 474, 477, 480, 481, 482, 483, 485, 488, 501 ("She does not uphold the constitution of this country! Who is watching her? Shoe is her boss? She needs to be removed from bench and sanctions filed against her and defense attorneys!

Stop her now !!! She is a disgrace t your state and this country!") 511, 515, 516, 520, 521, 523, 527, 531,532, 537, 543, 567

Strike this judge/file in a different court

4, 11, 42, 61, 75, 86, 96, 99, 101, 150, 155, 205, 235, 312, 313, 316, 319, 320, 340, 344, 347, 364, 416, 445, 447, 517, 532, 550, 557, 558

Glad judge is retiring so can't do this to others/references to retiring

3, 32, 224, 266, 514

Has already retired but does not know the law, "jerk"

326

Is among the judges that Clear the Bench is trying to vote off the bench

111

I will be filing a complaint/ civil claim

107, 108, 289, 290, 309, 383, 384, 525, 537

Needs to be off the bench

99, 103

Gov Ducey made a big mistake

151, 153

Shame on superiors for allowing this to continue

486, 490, 491, 494, 504

494 ("I would hope her superiors read these comments, soon, and have a nice long talk with Judge Stephens about the mockery she has made of this trial and our judicial system.")

## CORRUPTION, MISCONDUCT

Takes bribes/ sells himself cheap/ is a crooked judge/ takes kick backs/ ringleader of criminal enterprise/ a criminal/ swayed by criminal organizations in the Valley/perjured herself/ allows pedophiles to go free and women to be abused/paid off for her rulings/a puppet judge/lives to crush other women/ jerk/ a real bastard judge/ I hope he has a severe medical problem in his retirement/ nut case/ liberal loon/abusive/ a real POS (piece of shit)

Will send people to threaten to murder you and steal your children

7

Uses role to traffic children

7

Backdates orders to prejudice parties' rights to appeal

121

Has been reprimanded and refuses to change

288

Unethical

510, 540

Case was rigged

449

Judge is corrupt

463

Harmful to society

530 (Judge Tim Thomason)

Crooked defense team, crooked judge, corrupt trial, Entire State of Az Corrupt

469

Judge needs to be charged as co-conspirator

75

159, 184, 195, 202, 207, 218, 232, 250, 303, 309, 312, 326, 327, 395, 449 ????????

## INCOMPETENCE

Does not go by the law or constitutional rights/ has no respect for procedure, evidence, law

6, 211, 213, 214, 216, 222, 388, 390, 404, 417, 423, 432, 434, 524, 535, 549

Violates civil law

133

562 (Whitton) "He is hands down the worst excuse for a judge that I have ever seen. If a negative rating was possible on this site, I would pick it instead of a 1. From his sloppy, unkempt appearance to his inability to be punctual, to count, spell or write correctly, to follow the law, rule according to the law or handle complex case issues whatsoever, he is truly pathetic! If you happen to be unlucky enough to get him on assignment, run quickly and fire him immediately. Or, you can always spend two years and thousands of dollars in appeals to finally oust his worthless hide! You've been adequately warned, so appear at your own risk. Trust, me, you don't want this guy ruling on so much as a parking ticket."

Really? He went to law school?/did not go to law school/does not know anything about the law

175, 270, 281

Doesn't read/ unaware of facts

234, 235, 240, 241, 291, 309, 314, 315, 316, 327, 329, 349, 392, 404

Disregard for written statutes

5

Admits evidence that has no bearing

5, 31

Fabricates

5

Rules based on what he knows to be falsehoods

389

No business in Family court

444

Does not know the law

26, 155

Makes it up as he goes

105, 199, 268, 276, 339, 341

Shocking that such judges are assigned to the court

31, 250, 281

Full custody to alcoholic mother

23

Should not be a judge

24, 98, 115, 123, 198, 202, 214, 226, 227, 250, 275, 280, 299, 302, 328, 365, 371, 380, 399, 426, 440, 537

Glad being transferred out of family

37, 89

Does not do her homework/does not read info provided her

38, 88, 440, 515, 529

Does not read or look at evidence

44, 46, 72, 105, 107, 108, 112, 123, 145, 341, 343, 354, 355, 356, 407, 410, 411, 412, 450

Her rulings have nothing to do with evidence, I know that for sure

112

Shoots from the hip

107

No justice here

69, 79, 105

Overwhelmed by complex cases

125

Zero respect for ones rights

126

I would not allow her to judge a dog grooming competition 477

Would rate her a zero/ rate her a 1 because no option for zero

219, 376, 379, 460, 484, 485, 511, 562

## DISAPPOINTED IN JUSTICE SYSTEM

Disappointed/disillusioned in our legal system (“Can’t believe how broken the judicial system in AZ is. I have followed the AriASS trial from day one, and I am ashamed and embarrassed to say the least.” 483

15, 49, 60, 91, 93, 122, 228, 379, 421 (“Harms the image of justice of the United States”), 425, 436 (Pray for our world today. It’s all money and politics.”), 438 (“The court system is rigged and unfair and need to be changed immediately!”), 440 (“One of the many problems with our judicial system.’), 446 (“This is exactly why people do not believe in our justice system and the way it is ran.”), 464 (“This (judge’s removal) needs to be done to prove our legal system is working with out her . . .corruption.”)480 (“The world is watching this and is laughing at the mockery being made of the American justice system, I for one have lost all respect for the Arizona justice system . . .Come on now let’s see someone in the Arizona court system grow a backbone . . . I’m ashamed of this countries injustice system as a whole but Arizona your system is the worst I’ve ever seen!”)483 (“Can’t believe how broken the judicial system in AZ is. I have followed the AriASS trial from day one, and I am ashamed and embarrassed to say the least.”(485) “I hope the judicial system of Arizona will apologize publicly for he if/when this ends.”488 “Truly both of these trails have become an embarrassment to Arizona’s and our nation’s justice system”491 (“I am a shame to see our justice system made a mockery because of this incapable judge.”), 494 (“I would hope her superiors read these comments, soon, and have a nice long talk with Judge Stephens about the mockery she has made of this trial and our judicial system.”) 498 (“This judge has made a mockery of the State of Arizona court system.”) 499 (“The United Stated Judicial System has been shamed before the world with The State of Arizona vs. Jodi Arias trial/penalty phase. . . .The court has brought shame upon the state of Arizona and have been allowed to make a mockery of the system our forefathers died for.”)506 (“The AZ court system is being made a joke of for the whole world to see.”)513 (“If you are someone who does not believe in our justice system, and our ‘honorable’ judges,

paid off of tax dollars, this un-honorable judge will confirm your beliefs on the justice system . . .”)532  
 (“Our system is broken and lives can be ruined by celebrities who are above the law.”

After viewing this judge, I don’t want to waste my time on jury service

466

“I feel sorry for the jurors! This trial is a prime example of why people do not want to serve on a jury.”

497

This is why family court system doesn’t work

73

## EPITHETS AND SLURS

Horrible judge/terrible judge/ despicable judge/ disgusting/ hideous/horrific/ nightmare/clueless/  
idiotic/horrible evil man/ lazy/worthless/a freak/benightedly unintelligent adjudicative life form/an  
American tragedy/ evil beast/misogynistic/ a truly hateful individual/ bad judge/what a religious nut  
job/moron/ seriously more than physically handicapped/ religious zealot/unethical/disgrace of a judge/a  
crook/a feral robot

13, 56, 69, 82, 84, 85, 89, 126, 148, 149, 150, 155, 161, 195, 221, 225, 246, 247, 255, 258, 261, 269, 327,  
330, 338, 339, 340, 445

Judge is terrible/ horrible/bad/atrocious/awful/evil and wicked/ awful and biased, mockery of the  
judicial system

3, 44, 69, 90, 99, 105, 109, 143, 254, 261, 304, 332, 403, 430, 450, 452, 444, 561

Worst judge ever/most unethical judge

5, 9, 62, 65, 68, 97, 98, 101, 145, 150, 163, 167, 183, 208, 216,221, 219, 238, 264, 271, 284, 310, 318,  
331, 333,336, 362, 379, 387, 400, 402, 474, 511, 527, 541, 546, 547, 566

Racist and cruel

421

Horrible judgement

430

“OBAMA LOVING TURD”

161

Brain-dead

28

POS (piece of shit)

475

Ruthless, heartless

317, 319

Is a joke

184, 185, 189, 190, 366, 471, 496, 504, 531

A "freak

302

Evil beast

225

"Agendist"

347, 348

Wouldn't wish her on anyone

105

Judge has no heart

3, 63

Abhorrent treatment of people

535

"This is your clown."/ vote this clown out of office

136, 252, 543

Lazy

21, 161, 312, 332, 338, 449, 555

About as smart as a bag of candy corn

28

Awful judge/horrible

41, 46, 71, 309

Rude

414, 419, 422, 446, 555

Vindictive

525

Power-tripping/ regards himself as exalted/ as king

17, 35, 32, 42, 114, 133, 134, 152, 155, 156, 186, 194, 206, 256, 303, 446, 545, 548

A family wrecker

20, 76

Emotional, irrational and highly biased

122, 275, 266

Circus

455, 467, 471, 480, 481, 486, 560

Emotional/Overly emotional/emotionally troubled or unbalanced/ bipolar/mental issues//  
temperamental/nut job

244, 273, 275, 278, 287, 311, 363, 386, 432

Out of control/no control of courtroom

293, 295, 455, 460, 479, 480, 491, 492, 496, 504, 505, 506, 528

Waste of tax dollars

499, 504, 531

Taxpayers get to pay for his inability to follow the law

561

Rule of law (violates)

521

Wasting our hard-earned tax dollars

6, 207, 531

Relatives got her this position

495

## **WATCH OUT FOR THIS JUDGE**

Beware/Watch out/warning

7, 30, 42, 69, 96, 105, 108, 151, 254

Avoid this judge at all costs if you are the father

24

You will lose your family (home, future) if you are the father, 276

23, 59

This judge's mistakes cost me money/damaged my life

25, 36, 37, 42, 146, 149, 151, 261, 314, 344

Damage to children

518

Pray you are never in his courtroom

70, 151

Good luck if you get her

82

If you have her, run/ run, run, run!/ run don't walk/ run in the other direction

97, 126, 309, 318, 340, 340, 342, 419, 556, 562

Stay away from him/ avoid this judge

443, 444

She ruined my life/ ruined family's life

106, 107, 149, 152, 516

She is dangerous/ he is a menace

266, 302, 311, 434

Has ruined the lives of women and children

266, 333

Welfare of children, disregards/endangers

304

## WOMEN AND MINORITIES/ POSTINGS THAT SLUR

Barton; Bustamante; Contes; Guzman; Foster; Hicks; Hyatt; Ryan-Touhill; Svoboda; Willett

"Willett had a real hard time hiding her contempt for men. . . . She exhibits the worst case of reverse sexism I've ever witnessed ! Some really needs to call her on this and remove her from the bench. . . . Reverse sexism/man hater." 564

521 "Judge Svoboda pays no attention to the rule of law. She should be removed from the bench, and the practice of law."

524 "Pamela Svoboda has no regard for the Arizona Constitution or it's laws."

526 "He (sic, for she) absolute worst judge I have ever come across and does not know the law or how to do her job."

527 "Pamela Svoboda can't seem to put 2 and 2 together when it's presented to her on a platter. She doesn't pay attention to details, ignores facts and makes decisions based on one party's word without investigating whether that person is telling the truth in any way. Thanks her a child has been left in a neglectful situation even though legitimate concerns were brought to her attention they were laughed off by the other party, their lawyer and then this judge. I hope she's out of family court soon."

New to, or does not belong in, family court

528

## HATE SPEECH

I vote to hang this judge

191

THOMASON WILL NEVER GET MY VOTE ILL SEE TO THAT HE NEVER GETS TO WEAR THT ROBE AGAIN

532

She will burn in hell for the harm she has done to families. She will wear a mill stone around her neck and be drowned in the depths of hell/ May she burn in hell

224, 475

I hope to God the Alexanders sue you and every single lying scumbag n the defense for everything they have leaving you all penniless living, under a bridge as roommates eating out of trash cans for what you all have done to Travis and his family."

494

""The only robe she should be wearing is a bath robe." 496

"Enjoys ruining families must not have one of her own. " 515

"She is a demon. 'Judge' Pamela needs to be removed immediately." 520

She should be quartered.

433

## ATTACHMENT B: QUESTIONABLE POSTINGS/ RED FLAGS (Numbers reference Attachment D, Numbered Comments)

### POSTINGS BY A "DEFENSE ATTORNEY"

"This judge has been completely bias (sic). . ." 8

"Brain dead. I don't know how he make it (sic) through the day. He is about as smart as a bag of candy corn." 28

"I'll stand out with signs when it's voting time to encourage others not to vote for her." 64

"she needs to be fired and charged with the co-conspirator" 74

"As Judge, Cooper let a sexual predator of children go free without even a psych evaluation or an entry on the sex offender list. But then, she also lives with a convicted sex offender. So there's that." 87

"when she finally makes a ruling you shake your because you know how prejudiced she was with your case and you just got shafted." 92

"She is the worst and should not be on the bench. She does not follow the law but favors which ever attorney she likes best. She should not be a judge." 98

"This guys is (sic) on a big time power trip. Totally rude to everyone. I guess its good he is not biased." 114

What kind of moron is this, sitting on a bench, making decisions that affects (sic) peoples lives?" 115  
Very bias (sic) judge towards men.118

"This judge shouldn't be in family court he is biased towards fathers and Know I know whey people refues to fight for their kids its not that they are dead beats but the fact that they dealing with lying mothers and biased judges that are for mothers." 120

Worst decision maker I have EVER BEEN IN the presence of. This is NOT a judge, this is a "MORON" with the title of "Judge." Where oh where do they get these morons? They must certain "PAY TO GET THESE POSITIONS"! They surely aren't elected or voted in by their piers (sic)." 127

"Generally terrible. SHAVER. Let that name ring in your grandchildren's ears." 135

"He needs to retire because he doesn't know anything about family law, he's putting children in harm's way !!!!!!!!! . . . It's a travesty that such a person with so limited of any understanding is placed in such a position without any training. Gov Ducey thanks a lot for putting this ignoramus in a position that effects (sic) children's lives."147

" Horrible experience . . . Disgusting. Gov Ducey really did make a Huge mistake on behalf of the people. Fox may be good at business but Not for Family AT ALL." 148

"Chandler you need real judges that don't have to go home and drink to have an outcome heave this looser judge out of commission" 160

“Very bias (sic) Justice. Pro HOA.” 188

“Completely biased. Doesn’t know family law, retirement issues. Makes unlawful rulings. Allows blatant contempt if you are a man. Listens to slander and defamation and makes his ruling from it without a shred of evidence being provided to back up claims towards wife. HE IS HORRIBLE. Absolutely has no business sitting on the bench.” 253

“Beware! This woman now works with Forensic Counseling and Evaluations, owned by David Weinstocks. They do mental health evaluations, court Interventionist’s, Advisor’s, etc...The whole Maricopa Superior Court is one big inbred circus. Do your homework, use the internet, and find the connections. She also hoes (sic) by the name Carey Stokes.”265

“I have never witnessed a judge act with as much confusion as judge Hyatt. She forgets which side is there for what reason. . . If this matter were not so serous to me and to our family, I would think it was some sick joke played, with a camera crew coming out any second! Judge Hyatt is angry most all of the time, and is belittling to both sides with comments . . .Overall, I cannot imagine that other families are not as frustrated and sickened by the uneducated attitude of this judge. I am not a psychiatrist, but am in the medical field, and I would place a cash bet that this woman is b-polar (sic)—all of the signs present. There needs too (sic) be some kind of formal investigation.” 274

“ I am shocked that this woman works as a judge – does she know anything about the law. I ‘m not an attorney, but I’m an educated person and I am disgusted with the fact that I spent so many hours preparing and it was obvious she did not read any that I submitted. Is there any type of recourse for decisions made by her that are ruining the integrity of our family? Any input would be welcome, as I am a wreck. I have an appointment with my own doctor, and I have had a continuous migraine and anxiety attacks sine that day in court. It is so sad to prepare for, and then wait anxiously for, a hearing, only to have make rash decisions that are altering the future of my family.”281

“Carey Hyatt she be immediately stripped of any power she possesses as she demonstrates daily, the innate inability to use reason, logic or critical thinking processes needed to make decisions. She is most definitely incompetent in every way, shape and form. The worst part is that when she is repeatedly reprimanded, she retaliates on the person filing in a very unjust manner. I can’t say enough about how poor this sorry excuse for a judge is and if you don’t believe me that power corrupts, just spend 30 minutes in her court room and I guarantee that you r jaw will hit the floor with the things that she does daily. By far the most unprofessional, unjust and uncontrollable loose cannot we have ever given power to.” 284

“This Judge is out of control. Has no respect for the law o top of it she is always angry. Often yelling at peoples, accused them for lying with no evidence to support it. Nonprofessional, and should go to temper management before allowed to judge other people. Going through her Court is like gambling. Either you get everything you ask for, or loose (sic) everything and she will make sure you loose (sic).”

“If you can’t uphold the laws or follow the rules of procedures you aren’t doing your job as a judge. Typically people get fired for not doing their job but hey judges are above the laws and rules and they know it. So no accountability leads to crap judges like this one. Wonder who got paid off...or how much someone paid her for ruling in their favor.” 308

“There is nothing ‘honorable’ about this judge. She has a stigma (sic) against strong women. Sad that a strong woman would purposely live to crush other women. If you are a strong woman, I would suggest finding another judge if you can. She is lazy, un-wise, and erroneous on many levels.”

“Did not read the transcript of study the case. IS a short stop for the state, horrible, nasty, biased, not one he heard was against the state. NUT case should not be allowed to judge anyone. He has many complaints officially!!! A real piece of work. I hope he has a severe medical problem in his retirement, he does not deserve to have the money he is getting to live on. Ruined careers, a real bastard judge.”

“The legislators that appointed her to this position need to be removed from office!” 351

“Judge Ryan is bias to (sic) men. He bullies them on the stand. His disregard to people with a disability is mind blowing. He is one side, never listens to both sides. His only side is what his court minions tell him. Judge Ryan doesn’t looks at the fact or evidence every is based on heresy. This Judge needs to be removed ASAP or it will your children he takes from you next (sic).” 408

“This judge has ruined m life and that of my children and she is a disgrace to all judges everywhere and should be put in prison for all that she has done to the citizens of Arizona and their children. End of story she is exactly what is wrong with our judicial system” 425

“Judge Stephens was a passive and bias (sic) judge ....”456

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A Numbered Compilation of Disparaging Comments for Linguistic Analysis  
All Maricopa County, Arizona Superior Court Judges  
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### **Hon. Mark Aceto\* (\*INDICATES THERE ARE ALSO POSITIVE POSTS)**

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[Civil litigation litigant] Not real worried about even-handedness--makes a call early and sticks with it.

2

[Other] He is condescending and rude to JPO's, attorneys, caseworkers, and others in his court.

### **Hon. Aimee Anderson\***

3

[Other] This judge was terrible. She ordered GAL to remove my child after i relapsed and told on myself. She has no heart. Glad she is retired so she cant do this to other families.

4

[Litigant] She does not come to court prepared and ended up stalling my case costing me valuable time and money. Strike this judge immediately.

5

[Criminal Defense Attorney] Worst judge ever. Complete disregard for the written statutes. Admits evidence that has no bearing on the case. Fabricates.

### **Judge Brad Astrowsky\***

6

[Other] The Judge does not go by the law or the constitutional rights of the people in his courtroom. Only listens to CPS and their 3 ring circus. They are all bought and paid for by CPS. Don't even have to show up for court because CPS will tell you before court what the status will be after court. They are all wasting our hard-earned tax dollars.

## **Judge Alison Bachus**

7

[Other] This judge uses her role as a judge to traffic children. She used to work for Bill Clinton. Beware. She will send people to threaten to murder you and steal your children and I am willing to go under oath on this

8

[Criminal Defense Attorney] This judge has been completely bias and does not care for the best interested of the child. She favors a party and allows them to lie un oath and catching them lie, but punishes the other parent. Disregards authorities opinions and statements.

9

[Litigant] This judge is the worst I have ever had. She does not care about the children in the case or their best interest. She will not grant you time for due process and it appears that she just wants to turnover cases and be done with them, and she clearly doesn't review all the evidence. Horrible decision for children! Not child centered. There is no justice with this judge.

10

[Litigant] New to family law court. Watch out! She does not know the family rules of procedure. Does not apply the facts to the family case, and will demonstrate a strong bias for one party over another, despite evidence showing to the contrary.

## **Hon. Cynthia Bailey**

11

[Criminal Defense Attorney] Strike her. Save yourself this drama. When other judges' caseloads increase because nobody wants her as a judge, hopefully her nonsense stops. Also, look at the Judicial Code of Conduct before having a hearing with her. In the alternative, file in a different Court to avoid her nonsense. Sad to say but it may save sanity and fees in the long run.

12

[Litigant] Really lacking with knowledge of the law. Terrible disposition. She takes no command of her courtroom, outside of when she is bullying litigants. Treats civil litigants like they are criminal defendants.

13

[Civil litigant] Horrible judge and completely biased against men in family court. She had her mind made up before hearing any argument or evidence. Should be removed!

14

[Other] Filed for sole emergency custody three times. Was denied every time. My child was neglected and abused for three years because of this. It was frustrating to me that Judge Bailey did not believe my claims and that she held the power when it came to me being able to keep my child safe. I am very jaded and

15

disappointed in our legal system. I do believe she is bias towards men as previous comments have stated. Never have I felt my voice was so unimportant to someone.

16

[Civil Litigation Private] She definitely makes up her mind day 1 without very much more thoughtful or legal consideration. She is biased towards men in favor of woman in family court matter. In criminal matters she is biased against defendants and pro prosecution. She was horrible on the criminal bench and even worse on the family bench.

**Hon. Janet Barton\***

17

[Litigant] Well, apparently Judge Barton's "I'm better than you" attitude towards attorneys with opposing views spills over to litigants as well. This power-tripping judge suffers from an inferiority complex like no other. She will try and pull misapplied case law out of the backside of her robe, and call out anyone who dares to be in opposition to Her Highness -- without an actual trial, of course. It's hardly a wonder why she wouldn't remain in her position as a partner at Snell so that she could become a judge -- that way she wouldn't have to actually defend her idiotic positions. You don't fool anyone, Judge Barton -- your rulings reek of weakness in the law, low moral character and a shallow intellect.

18

[Civil Litigation] This judge thinks she is better, smarter and more knowledgable than the lawyers. Biased towards the defense.

19

[Criminal Defense Attorney] This judge is rude and hostile to lawyers. She will actively punish a lawyer putting forward a position with which she disagrees.

**Hon. Edward Bassett**

20

[Litigant] From my personal experiance he bases decisions on hearsay and his a family wrecker simply because he has a big hammer and he didn't like the look in a person's eye!

**Hon. James Beene**

21

[Other] another lazy judge who refuses oral arguments unless a lawyer is doing the case. afraid he might have to explain a rule? He also put in the opinion a statement that was in the record, which proved this lazy jurist did not read the matter that was so important to this person , he just RUBBER STAMPS ! mesa is very telling !!! [Comment dated 4/22/20]

**Hon. Dawn Bergin**

22

[Civil Litigation Private] Judge Bergin simply doesn't listen to or allow comprehensive discovery on material matters prior to forming an opinion. Also, Bergin doesn't appropriately structure or manage her docket to tolerate appropriate format, time, or calendar for argument

**Hon. Michael Blair**

23

[Other] Dads will loose everything. Despite perfect drug test record and mothers over 80 percent failure rate he gave full custody to alcoholic mother. He refused to follow his own prior ruling that failure would have repercussions. Mother hid all liquid assets and Judge Blair refused to look at the bank statement sitting before him. He let mother go on an hour and 20 minute crying monolog with no proof, wild and insane accusations and took every accusation as fact. You will loose your family if you are the father. You will loose your home if you are the father. You will loose your future if you are the father.

24

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Judge Blair is completely biased on the mothers side and makes no attempt to be fair. He should not be a judge. I have been a heavily involved loving father to my children since they were born. At temp orders hearing he said and I quote "i'm going to give you a chance" and he relegated me to an every other weekend Dad leading now to severe alienation of two of my kids. Why did I need to be given a chance? I have done nothing in my life to need to be given a chance, I should have been made the equal parent I always was and was asking to be. Then as an every other weekend Dad my ex turned some of my kids against me. So Judge Blair appointed a Therapeutic Interventionist who stated there was parental alienation in this case. But at trial judge Blair totally disregarded the report from the therapist that HE appointed so that he could favor mother and keep me the every other weekend Dad. He has cost me my relationships with some of my children and serious money trying to get this fixed. Avoid this prejudiced dishonorable judge Blair at all costs if you are a father. He is a stain on the profession.

25

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] He has no business handling family law cases because he knows nothing about family law. He cost me more money because he wanted additional statutes from my lawyer to make a decision and when he made his decision he completely got his brief wrong and misquoted the law. Its shocking that this judge is not held accountable for his errors and it's going to cost me more money once again to file an appeal because of his errors.He also never filed my case paper work correctly with regards to my child support. I had to pay again for my attorney to keep filing correction paperwork just to get my child support order corrected and it took 3 months! Again another error by judge Blair that cost me. He does not care about the mother or father and least of all the child! He does not want to hear from anyone during trial except the lawyers.

26

[Other] This judge does not know the law, and does not follow the law. Makes it up as he goes. Does not actually care to hear your case.

27

[Litigant] Mr. BLAIR will be very unfair to fathers. If you look at his bio you will see he attended BYU. He also was raised lds. In LDS homes mother's future and have the kids bottom line. He will as in my case allow disclosure violations and set you up for trial by ambush. Make sure you have witnesses when you go into his courtroom.

Also people of color are viewed as cursed in his religion so if you are of color and father be prepared to screwed royally. Brigham young himself in 1852 stated that blacks are to be viewed differently. You have been warned. He will make the outcome the way he wants it so be prepared for your appeal and get your transcripts while the case is being done.

28

[Criminal Defense Attorney] Comments:

Brain dead. I don't know how he make it through the day. He is about as smart as a bag of candy corn.

29

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Not open to hearing arguments from both sides.

30

[Civil Litigation-Private] This judge is pro-mother. If you have the Father, be careful.

**Hon. James T. Blomo**

31

[Litigant] Failed to review relevancy. A case that should never have proceeded went forward due to lack of review. Shocking that such judges are assigned to the court.

32

[Other] This judge did not retire soon enough. He was a disaster in family court and should be ashamed that his reputation is that of someone who is complacent and just "kicks the can down the road" because "he hates family court". His superiors should be ashamed for placing him in a position he didn't take seriously- one that involved the well being of children and families. His poor decisions will shape the next generation of children whose lives he "kicked down the road". He's arrogant and flippant, and I hope he is no longer in a position of influence over any family.

33

[Litigant] While before this judge in Family Court, he refused to comply with the AZRFLP in relations to Post Decree litigation. Specifically, he introduced himself into the matter by molding the hearing making Pre-Decree credit card debt to be a Post Decree family support issue. He even went so far as to attempt to use incarceration for failure to pay such debts. The matter was based on my filing for Bankruptcy and the opposing party attempting to force me to pay 1/2 of the forgiven debt.

34

[Other] He decided the person was guilty and made sure the Jury knew this.

35

[Litigant] It would be difficult to give Blomo any consideration for being impartial, balanced or honorable. He's rash, pays little attention to the law (his background is criminal prosecution and was a judge on the family law circuit but now is on the civil circuit). He makes fast decisions, does not read briefs before the court and really admires himself in that black robe. he is the epitome of a judge that regards oneself as exalted. Ultimately, he will do very little in the way of instilling confidence in the court system, already has fairly poor reputation among litigants that have been before him and has one of the lowest peer review rating around because of his temperament. There's a facebook movement attempting to educate voters on his performance in hopes that he will not be re-elected. Nonobjectively, I hope the endeavor is successful.

36

[Civil Ligation – Private] Decided to let DHS make a ruling instead of doing his job. Order was in place, but did not hold defendants in contempt when presented with evidence. Accepted an expedited ruling, its been over 4 months with no ruling. Wasted Thousands of plaintiffs money! And still no ruling.

37

[Litigant] It is obvious to me that this judge clearly does not read the petitions and the evidence submitted. I am very glad that he is being transferred out of the family court, because he has caused me to spend much additional money clarifying and re-presenting arguments because he completely ignored them. He also made a comment in chambers to my attorney that he didn't really like me and thought that I was pompous. How he came to that conclusion is beyond me. I won my case, but due to his ineffectual ability to do his job, he caused me much unneeded anguish.

**Hon. Susan Brnovich\***

38

[Other] This woman does not do her homework. She did not read any of the information provided her, showing the children were being medically neglected. She walked into the court room and stated that the petitioner (father, of course) was either lying or greatly exaggerating. Even though most of the information was provided by doctor's offices, not the father. This woman had already made her judgement without hearing either side. She is Pro-Only Mom, even when that's not the best decision for the children. This woman needs to be done when her name comes up.

**Judge Roger Brodman**

39

[Other] He seems very calm and collective, But lacks knowledge of business and math. He certainly does not judge based on facts but rather based on if you are on the right side of the forces that influences his courtroom. His judgment in my case (civil Litigation) was absolutely and completely vicious and unfair and it was because of who I am as an individual. He rewarded the (Al Capone) want a be who was represented by big boy firm (Quarles & Brady LLP). Someone please explain the difference between a sale and refinancing to him!

40

He seems to have a fair amount of etiquette, and he says a bunch of good things, but his judgement in my case (family court) was way off the mark. The long and the short of it is, he is new to the family court bench and doesn't seem to be able to find his rear end with both hands when it comes to family law (Title 25). He totally bought in to the theatrics, and actually stated that he was rather incompetent in basic math (seriously, he couldn't figure out basic mathematics, and therefore "found" that my children wouldn't be able to, either, which they very much do), and he did it while spewing a bunch of regurgitated FC rhetoric about how much they care, best interest of the child, blah, blah, blah. He either has that shallow a cerebral capacity, or the domestic violence coalition owns his seat. I wish that I could suggest something to help the readers who stumble onto this comment; the best advice that I could give is to hope for the best and to absolutely prepare for the worst with this guy. Hopefully, you're on the right side of the political forces behind that courtroom, because he won't be doing much for you otherwise.

## **Hon. William Brotherton**

41

[Civil Litigation-Private] I had a case with him. he was unfair

[Civil Litigation-Private] He is an awful judge. He formed an opinion on me and I have tried repeatedly to change it by providing certificates of achievement and good character letters from very respectful and powerful members of our city but to no Vail. He treated me so bad and took my kids away from me for no reason, I have volunteered with them through boy scout, neighborhood cleaning, collecting food for the needy... etc., He was unfair and bias and made derogatory comments about men from the middle-east (and I am one of them)

42

[Civil Litigation-Private] Why the extreme good and bad ratings here? Because 50% of the people win and 50% lose, generally speaking. However, when considering his aptitude and temperament as a judicial officer, he is one of the worst. He thinks that he is a king or deity, and his hubris knows no bounds. He is unapologetic and will just say anything on his mind, no matter how much it exposes his personal bias or lack of reasoning on a matter. He does not issue orders properly and brings confusion to the cases, causing injury to litigants who can't appeal and unnecessary expense for those who must appeal or lose on Brotherton's egregious, erroneous and/or unsupported rulings. Be very wary, because it's his kingdom and domain once you enter. You may want to strike as a matter of right before a ruling is entered. Skip this one, if possible and hope that you don't get Herrod.

43

[Litigant] He refused crucial evidence in court. He did nothing to Father when Father kept daughter from me for about 2 months with no communication amidst the case, which is alienation. He didn't accept my testimony when I was explaining a situation on the stand, twisted terminology so I answered different and wrong on a VERY crucial question, and ordered me to pay for Fathers attorney fees wrongfully.

44

[Litigant] Horrible angry man...does not read or look at evidence. pre-determines decision before hearing anything.

45

[Other] We just had a case before him with serious domestic violence against the child, with pictures and testimony. He didn't get it. His improper decisions are going to have serious consequences on these young children who are being victimized by adults (including their own parents). This isn't the first time he's ruled against children who have been victimized.

## **Hon. Lori Bustamante**

46

[Other] Awful judge. Didn't even pay attention to any facts of the case. Just ruled based on gender and nothing else. Disgraceful. Trial was a waste of time because she didn't listen to anything that was presented. Extremely biased.

47

[Litigant] It's hard to find the words to express my disgust that Judge Bustamante is allowed to practice law let alone be a judge. I was slightly concerned when my child custody case was assigned to Judge Bustamante and I was unable to find anything positive that anyone had ever said about her. I realized why when she allowed my child to move out of state on a TEMPORARY order because that is what a 14 year old wanted. It had been explained to Judge Bustamante that the other parent had been a dead beat parent and not involved in the child's life for 7 years and had done nothing to support the child. In the child interview the child stated the parents mental state was "all over the place". This judge does not care anything for the safety of Arizona children and families. I think some of these judges forget they work for us. It is my sincere hope that you are reading this prior to a retention election for Judge Lori Horn Bustamante and that you will join me and many others in assisting her in finding other employment.

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[Other] Embarrassment to women everywhere, clearly could not care less about what is in the best interest of the children. Ruled in favour of abusive father because she "couldn't be bothered". Unless you are a criminal or horrible human being, don't count on her being on your side for anything. So sad.

**Hon. Theodore Campagnolo\***

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[Other] My first experience with the legal system was very disheartening and frustrating. My daughter is going through divorce and wanted to amicably do it without working thru the courts. The had no assets and she wants her children to have the best possible relationship with their father. But when he (an attorney) started filling out the paperwork showing her with exaggerated ridiculous income and refusing to give her passwords to joint accounts, she felt the need to get legal advice. She has no money so her parents paid the retainer. In court today the Judge questioned why she needed an attorney when her attorney explained her husband was an attorney he replied" she could have represented herself in family court she didn't need an attorney ". I knew we were in trouble

What person in her circumstances would show up in court knowing already he was ready to lye show up with that kind of disadvantage? When she explained that she worked from her home doing hair because she has 4 children he asked what typically the cost of day care was and she told him \$10 an hour. He then told her she needed to go at least get a job at Target and make \$10 an hour. That's absurd

Because her parents have taken them in the Judge gave her no money for an apartment or

utilities

Has anyone ever heard of a woman not getting any spousal support? He has only had two of the children a total of three days so she has almost all the responsibility of there housing and food. Keep in mind this guy is an attorney who makes over 100k a year.

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[Other] He allowed the respondent to present hearsay testimony but would not accept hearsay testimony from the petitioner.

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He is a prejudicial judge and madeabad ruling ignoring the rule of law and ignorining Arizona statutes.

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[Other] This judge does not know what he is doing. He gets cases mixed up and does not follow laws. He is so obvious that he favors the mother before he even hears both sides. He should have never been appointed.

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[Other] This Judges cares nothing for fairness or prior legal agreements but arbitrarily sides with the mother in almost all cases, even when she is caught lying on the stand.

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He has awarded my Ex 30% more in what I owed her according to our divorce decree when she made up a number of false expenses that I was supposedly suppose to cover. despite having full proof of payment according to the decree as well as never missing a child support payment or an alimony payment, he decided to award her more strictly because she said I owed her more. It was utterly ridiculous. He is both unjust and incompetent.

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[Civil Litigation -Gov't] This judge has robbed me of my fatherhood and has placed my daughter in danger. I wish I could go into detail but I breakdown a cry.

I am producing a large budge documentary to protect society and after I am going to take my own life. I cannot find happiness after losing the most important person in my life with no cause of my own.

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[Civil Litigation-Private] As a Family Law judge, due to the manner that he has ignored the law, especially as to making orders in the best interests of the children, he is horrible.

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[Other] This is a biased judge against fathers. Shows no concern for the children involved. Accepted false testimony from individuals who were not credible. My daughter has suffered greatly from this judge and he needs to be taken away from hurting other families.

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[Civil Litigation-Private] Campagnolo has no interest in the welfare of the children past the rule of law or procedure. If you are an active male parent or for that matter trying to protect your children your submissions will not be read or reviewed. He will happily allow you to litigate till you are blue in the face. Mother is currently in contempt of a court order of therapy she agreed to pay for. She went on her European vacation during the court ordered therapy -- Judge has done nothing or ruled further. Plan on spending a great deal of time and money if this is your judge and you are the father.

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[Other] I watched and listened patiently anticipating fairness from Judge Campagnolo because he was newly appointed. My opinion: he is incompetent to sit on the bench. His name should be changed to Campagnono for father's. He allows mother's to lie and go unpunished, does not follow laws and rules, lets mother's make the decisions in his kangaroo court, orders father's to pay over and above the required child support so they are endanger of loosing their own home, and see's nothing wrong with father's being cut out and/or being replaced in their child's lives. He is a lousy, lousy judge and you better hope if you are a father you are not stuck with this biased crumby judge.

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[Other] My case with Judge Campagnolo had a very disturbing outcome. In this day and time where parents play a equal role in their child's life, my treatment was as far from equal as you can get. My son and girlfriend lived with me for 2 years. Without my knowledge, she took off with my son to live with another man in a different state. I did not know where they were for weeks. I was devastated! He had no compassion for my side or even my child who was ripped away from his family and the only home he had ever known. In the beginning after I found my son, I was awarded joint custody by another judge. He overturned that decision many months later by awarding the mother 100% custody based on her lie that she had obtained stable employment, pregnant and married in 3 months after running off. He ignored the fact she was not employed and had a history of not being able to keep a job for more than a couple of months. I, on the other hand have held the same job for 14 years and own my own home. I am very stable. Plus he figured my child support payment to include my overtime which is not guaranteed or even required. He made many, many mistakes in the little visitation schedule I got based on a school calendar for another state that does not coincide with Arizona. Also, my visitation schedule will never include Father's Day. Yet she gets our son every Mother's Day and her husband will celebrate Father's Day with my son from now on. Judge Campagnolo clearly is biased towards favoring the mother regardless of what type of mother she is. He puts no value

on a real father's role in a child's life. Judge Campagnolo totally ignored the new husband's background and the mother's irrational selfish behavior. I do not consider 9 weeks visitation a year and Facetime in between being a father. Yet, he disagreed and ruled that in fact in his book this is a good relationship for a father in his son's life. Strictly speculation but maybe Judge Campagnolo's father did not play a significant role in his life but mine sure did. We apparently differ on what a father and his families role is in a child's life...more than money and phone calls. This is a disappointment in the judicial system that you are taught to believe is to be fair.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Judge Campagnolo is completely biased. He blatantly favors the mother in family court. The mother in our case truly had no grounds for her selfish actions. Yet, Judge Campagnolo dismissed her clouds of lies and deceptions which were proven false in court. He justified a narcissistic mother running off 2000 miles away erasing the father and leaving him to only be a Facetime paycheck. Judge Campagnolo demonstrated the only value a father has in a child's life is monetary. If you are a father, get your lawyer to ask for a different judge.

**Hon. Harriet Chavez\***

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[Other] She is an unscrupulous person that abused power when she was a judge, hope nobody would have to deal with someone like her. She is rude, and cares less for my sons welfare, hopefully she would be disbarred, worst judge in the world.

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[Other] This woman is determined to keep my child from me because she just doesn't like me. I have another court hearing with her and I have provided her with what she wants. My x-husband she never enforces what she tells him to do. I will see next hearing if she shows any integrity. She must not have children because she could care less if I ever see mine again. No heart as far as I can see. Son wants to come home so bad and is threatening to kill himself or his father and she still refuses to let him with no real basis. I will submit new review after hearing and let you know if she makes x-husband accountable and shows she has some compassion.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] I know I won't be voting for her unless she changes her attitude and starts to care about my son's welfare. I'll stand out with signs when it's voting time to encourage others not to vote for her.

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[Other] This is one of the worst Judges I have ever encountered. She is unfair and I believe she makes her decisions on whether she likes you or not. Makes false accusations and could care less about the safety of my child.

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[Other] this judge knows admits that she mishandled the case, shows blatant racism, knows plaintiff not competent to stand trial because of head injury, accuses plaintiff to be uncooperative because of memory problems, refuses a continuance, and there were many witnesses she gets away with her behaviour by commission and has had other complaints of the same nature, she needs to go

**Hon. Rodrick Coffey**

67

[Other] Less than 1 is my opinion of this judge. My nephews are failing since they have been living with their father full time, they have asked for their own attorney and a therapist both have been denied. One of my nephews has always been a straight A student and #1 in his class. This judge will not even consider a custody change.

68

[Litigant] Judge Coffey is not honorable in anyway. I did everything he asked. Passed a stupid drug test, that wasn't necessary. He even told my attorney he was reversing his decision and then went and denied everything. Took my kids from me. Said I would promote a relationship with the other parent and still took them. No evidence, no reason. Judge Coffey is the worst.

69

[Other] He is a terrible Judge. No justice here. We have a case pending on a grandparents seeking custody of our grandchildren. DCS allowed the children to go with their mother who in the last 10 years have only visited with the children 17 days a year and willing gave up custody. We have been a daily part of their lives for the past 14 years. now only to be cut out of their lives and the trial dates to be continued twice now. This start back in July 2018 and new trial date is in June 2019. we have not had any communication or visits with our grandchildren since later part of 2018. It seem that this judge does not take what is in the nest interest of the children into account. and ignores grandparents. Mesa Arizona residents be careful of this judge he is not working to protect families or our children.

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[Civil Litigation-Private] I don't believe Judge Coffey believes in making it possible for relationship with the 'other' parent to be maintained. So many barriers in his orders to children realistically being able to have visitation even with supervision. Favored parent sounded good in court as being willing to support children's family relationships, but years of history show a

crushing narcissism that Coffey obviously would not consider. Financial orders not only so unrealistic to even make support payments but pay for visitation, so children may not get to see 'other' parent until adulthood. Thought the point of Family Court was not just protect children but support wherever possible children actually having a relationship with both parents - guess not. The CAA barely prepared - Judge's orders absolutely devastating. Pray you never have to get into the SE courtroom of Judge Coffey.

71

[Other] This judge is awful! He denied my grandparent visitation with my granddaughter who is 5 years old for no reason. HE IS AWFUL!

**Hon. Suzanne Cohen\***

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[Other] Without an attorney this judge refuses to hear you because she's too busy and makes rulings without any evidence.

She is biased, rude, and doesn't care about justice. My ex was in accountability court with her and she was kind to HIM even though I was the one not receiving child support, obtaining orders of protection, etc.

73

[Litigant] This judge is very anti-dad. Judges like this is why the family court system doesn't work.

74

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Suzanne has no care for small children I filed an emergency motion because my daughter had cigarette burns on her head and complained of the mother's boyfriend abusing her it was denied reason was no immediate Danger what does that mean she needs to be fired and charged with the co-conspirator

75

[Other] I strongly urge others to request a change in their case if they're assigned Suzanne Cohen. I won't dare call her honorable because she doesn't deserve that title. This judge chooses sides before even hearing the facts. I don't believe she is biased towards women as she did the very opposite in my case. With multiple documents as evidence showing my children are in an abusive home, she threw it all out and gave their father even more time equating to 50/50 care. I had multiple documents showing the father just wanted more time to reduce his child support and she threw it out yet again. Since having to deal with this judge, my children have had to endure day after day of abuse by their father and their truly evil stepmother. We've had multiple cases with DCS (formerly CPS) and each of the case workers cringe to the sound of her name and call her the worst judge in family law. I hope others can

read this and make a decision to remove her from their case for the sake of their families. Hopefully as the new year comes I can get my children away from the evil of their dad and stepmother with a judge that will make a ruling based on facts and not prejudged emotion as this waste of a judge Suzanne Cohen.

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[Other] I would like to thank this judge for killing my relationship with my daughter. Since her court I have not seen her in one year. Used to see her 2 to 3 times a month.

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[Other] I agree with comments below on "once she decides she doesn't like you, you are toast". She will even throw out court ordered advice due to her own personal feelings. Several issues with my case in specific but I have heard the same thing. Rules off emotion and not facts. Forms a personal opinion and does not do what is best.

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[Other] She favors soldiers and believes them over the truth. She will call you a liar to your face in open court. She will not care about the truth She doesn't want to even hear it even if your telling the truth your an incredibly lying witness. She is rude, unfair and very bias, she comes in with her mind made up and nothing you do or say will change it. If you don't have money she looks down on you even more and hands the book at you without even blinking an eye. I didn't like the way she was and is.

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[Litigant] bad new if you are a man and you have her. favors women to a fault. once she does not like you/ your side, you are TOAST. Does not even weigh evidence fairly. Does not follow ARS rules and laws. Sets them aside as she sees fit. Justice does not occur in her courtroom.

80

[Litigant] My case fc2013-007736 you will find The judge has been very biased. The most recent court date I was represented the respondent never has sent and evidence to me nor my attorney but does send things to the judge. My attorney had to bring up numerous times to judge cohen that he was k be ting to amount of evident she was allowing the respondent to enter basically trial by ambush. Judge stated that there was a new ruling from higher court that made this legal but nothing was cited. This was a contempt of court hearing. We prevailed. Previously I brought to the court that it was my belief my child who lived with the custodial mother was living with a sex offender. The judge again came to respondents rescue stating that it is her belief she did not know he was registered sex offended. During parent conference in late February and evidentiary hearing in April I mentioned this to mediatoand judge no one looked twice. So my child was living with a man who had been convicted of aggravated sexual assault and was just released. Judge said it was long time ago- he did his time but he was was

just getting out. This judge is gambling with our children if she wants to game she should try a casino and not our children

81

[Litigant] I lol agree she is lenient with pro de litigants. My child's mother has lied been ordered to pay me court fees- not once but twice- this judge will not make her pay me any of the 9k. She also had my child living with a registered sex offender- then her bf had been to prison twice as well as threatened me. Mother still has physical custody- she was just found in contempt in March 2015 denying me access to child while teller my daughter to call her convict significant other her dad. Very bias lousy judge- your job is to apply the law base cases on merit. It's seems it's more of a popularity contest. Very biased toward toward men of color. . The mother custodial parent whom is pro se has the best representation the judge!

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[Litigant] horrible family court judge. Former prosecutor. She knows nothing of civil law and procedure. extremely biased towards the women. Does not follow state laws. Good luck if you get her.

**Hon. Connie Contes**

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[Other] Judge Contes did not hear evidence or witnesses in the case of the safety of a child.

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[Civil Litigation-Private] Judge Contes lacks knowledge in the law and supplants this deficiency with self aggrandized authority. She will blatantly ignore precedent if it does not support her own unfounded conclusions. Which makes it practically impossible to prepare for her court due to her flagrant disregard for well established law.

She picks a side and will ignore all judicial precedent and refuse to follow established case law if it does not support her "side". I have no problem losing in court if the law and facts are not on my side. But with Contes, even when they clearly are, she will ignore it and blatantly rule against any argument that does not support "her" side. She is a terrible judge and has no place on the bench.

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[Litigant] Horrible. She does not read pleadings, does not understand contracts, disregards the Constitution, violates due process. All her decisions are made in her lymbic/ reptilian brain. She had no interest in fairness or impartiality, and would change her mind and rule in opposition to her previous statements as if senile. She ignored APPELLATE rulings that were reversed and remanded court rulings.

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[Litigant] Judge Contes' decisions are not based in fact. She is easily swayed by the emotion of a situation and will lose sight of historical facts when faced with new provocative information. She is not even-keeled and does not base her decisions on the best interests of the children. Even though my case was dismissed BEFORE any DEPENDENCY finding, she still chose to draft temp orders which were impossible to meet. Literally impossible because she ordered that a service provider needed to opine on whether or not contact should be established between my children and I even though said provider cannot and will not offer any opinion regarding contact. This was found to be out of the providers scope and has cost me valuable time with my children. Additionally, contact was restricted from my children for several months and not once did Judge Contes urge DCS to provide evidence to support why contact was being restricted. Instead DCS was essentially in violation of an order for me to be receiving visitation and Judge Contes did absolutely nothing. An order to show cause was filed but she never heard arguments over it.

I would not advise any parent to be in front of this judge due to her inability to make decisions based on evidence but rather on emotion.

**Hon. Katherine Cooper\***

87

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] As Judge, Cooper let a sexual predator of children go free without even a psych evaluation or an entry on the sex offender list.

But then, she also lives with a convicted sex offender. So there's that

88

[Other] doesn't even read the documents presented by lawyers. gives visitation to clearly incompetent parents who cause physical and mental harm to their children

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[Civil Litigation-Private] So glad she is out of the family court! But the damage had been done. Children forced to live with drug abusing father proven by her order for testing. Disregard of all evidence. Her opinion is what matters. She has a history of bad judgement not just in the court. In 2015 she had a live in boyfriend on parole for sex crime. She stated she didn't know. Hummm. His attorney - her best friend from law school. Perhaps she needs counseling and education for her misdeeds like she orders in her court. If you've ever been hurt by her opinionated orders, please don't keep quiet. Call or send your information to the presiding judge of court administrator. This is the only way to get her off the bench.

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[Litigant] Horrible Katherine Cooper. Was very biased. When my child's mother acted like she wanted to fake cry she ate it up despite the incriminating text messages and disobeying court orders. It was a straight sisterhood after that.

91

[Other] Honorable, that is a word that does NOT describe Katherine Cooper. I wish we had come across this site before litigation started. She was biased from day 1! She did not pay any attention to the court appointed advocate's report. She only paid attention to the opposing counsel. I believe every objection our lawyer made was over-ruled. This is a travesty. My grandson is now in the hands of a very unstable addict. I used to believe in justice but am now very disillusioned. Every single request of opposing counsel was granted. We had evidence of the instability but it was ignored. Domestic violence ignored!!! Really? She is a disgrace!!!

92

[Criminal Defense Attorney] Not a reasonably or fare judge at all. She doesn't let you present evidence for your side of the case and when she finally makes a ruling you shake your because you know how prejudiced she was with your case and you just got shafted.

93

[Civil Litigation-Gov't] I use to think judged were ALL fair and listened to the statements and payed attention to documentation. What a joke! Moreover, the joke was on me because i met Kay Cooper. She writes her own rules and doesn't pay attention to the statements or documentation. She have me a new understanding of judges. She gave me an education on JUDGES!. I WROTE LETTER AFTER LETTER TO THOSE GOVERNING HER OFFICE AND THOSE THAT BACKED HER, I INCLUDED EVIDENCE AND STATEMENTS. NOBODY CARED! I WAS LEFT ASSUMING THAT ALL JUDGES WERE THE SAME!

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[Litigant] Does not consider what is written in the order. Does not mandate or enforce revealing to the court and to the other parent the physical location or address of minor child nor contact info when the other party moves and relocated without approval of the court or other parent... he does not have sole custody

95

[Litigant-Civil] Judge Cooper is an absolute embarrassment to the judicial bench. She does not preside over a case as a neutral arbiter protecting the rule of law. She has presupposed OPINIONS based on a personal bias from who knows where. Judge Cooper is exactly the opposite of a fair and unbiased judge. Her court is based solely on her ego to advance being in charge of what she perceives to be her own personal fiefdom.

96

[Litigant] If I could give anything lower than a 1 rating, she would have it. She knows NOTHING about children, and she's even admitted that in the courtroom. She takes the Father's side, and only his side, regardless of any evidence that she is given. She bases her ruling not

off of facts, but her own personal opinion. She has given the majority of the custody to my daughters dad, and will not even listen to my side. My daughter is 7 and she is the only one suffering. Cooper IS NEVER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD! Beware if you are assigned to her. Change judges before she makes a ruling. You will be sorry once you get stuck with her.

97

[Litigant] Judge Cooper did not want to hear anything my attorney or myself had to say. Police report? Nope. DPS report? Doesn't matter. Yet she heard everything my ex husband that has MULTIPLE DUI's had to say. If you are reading this and Judge Cooper is your judge...RUN! She is definitely a one sided judge and not a fair one either. She is the worst!

98

[Criminal Defense Attorney] She is the worst and should not be on the bench. She does not follow the law but favors whichever attorney she likes best. She should not be a judge

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[Litigant] My case was a simple enforcement case of child support and medical reimbursement. My attorney cited case law which backed up our position. He and his attorney has no law to back them up, only conjecture as to my reason for coming after him and lies which we backed up in a Motion to Reconsider. She was so biased towards my ex-husband, she was rude to my lawyer. She even allowed confidential emails that his attorney submitted. She did not cite case law, she did not research at all, saying my ex never missed a payment, which was incorrect, taking his word and not even looking at the exhibit. She was asked for a current accounting of child support which she never asked for. She basically called me a liar about a demand letter I testified to sending but since I didn't have it basically said I never sent it But he has no evidence for anything and took his word for everything. She denied me the back child support even though the law was in my favor. She did award me the medical but no interest only because there was no way out of it but told him how to set aside or modify the judgment. She awarded him attorney fees without looking at our incomes - he makes \$20 an hour more than me. She told his side what date to file their China Doll affidavit but not me I wish we had looked her up and asked for a different judge. She is horrible and if you get her ask for a new judge. I am going to file a complaint with the bar and review board and also do what I can when she is up for reelection. She needs to be off the bench.

100

[Litigant] In court because my ex-wife was going to marry a person she KNEW was a violent person and a drunk (her own admission. The guy just got out of jail for domestic abuse that he pled guilty to). Judge Cooper REFUSED to rule on 2 counts in my case. She actually declined to rule on things. My ex brought us to court because she could not be reasonable and wanted to have full custody. She was the one who forced us to go to court. Then Cooper said that she doesn't believe that this needed to go to a court room. She refused to award me attorney fees (my lawyer thought it was a slam dunk to get court and attorney fees). SHE CANNOT BE FAIR!!!!

101

[Other] Judge Cooper is the worst judge. She does not read motions. If Judge Kay Cooper is assigned to your case. ask your lawyer to change judges. IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO DO SO,

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[Civil Litigation-Private] Bias towards offenders and those with domestic violence history that are men

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[Other] She needs to be pulled off bench right now.

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[Court staff] SHE CANNOT BE FAIR!

105

[Litigant] Severe warning! Despite the exhibits entered, the opposing attorney takes your exhibit and purposely says the opposite of what the email states, judge Cooper fails to acknowledge when you correct and does not read the evidence herself. She writes in her report what the opposing attorney stated! She does not read! Plus she does not read or care about the parent coordinator's report and only rules in who has the most money and title. Child support--- forget it. Even though she found me to be fit for one child and my ex husband to have the other child, she makes me pay child support. He earns 7x my salary and I have to pay for visitations to see child living with him. She makes up her own numbers. Plus despite appeals ruling to retrial she postponed another 8 months! Bad judge. Would not wish her on anyone. No justice for women. anti-woman judge

106

[Other] She is not fair. She ruled in every case for my husband, even though he lied on the stand. She has no concept on what it is like to be married for a long time and end up with nothing, thanks to her. She believed the hypothetical evidence and now I am left with nothing. She was sweet with his attorney and gave my attorney not the time of day! She came into court without even reading my attorneys response. She ruined my life! If you are a woman...look out! She favors the male, who is most of the time the bread winner, leaving the wife and mother with nothing!

107

[Other] Judge Cooper has proven over and over again that she does not read any of the facts or evidence. She truly just shoots from the hip and has no basis for her rulings. She really needs to be removed from the bench. She is horribly disrespectful and degrading to the parties in the courtroom. REMOVE HER, SHE IS RUINING LIVES. I will be filing a complaint.

108

[Litigant] Dishonorable Katherine Cooper does not base her rulings on facts. She abuses her power and will punish you if she finds one thing she does not like about you.

Similar to another post, I will also be sending a complaint to the Arizona Commission of Judicial Conduct. Beware if she will be calculating child support on your case. She does not follow the State guidelines and will deviate from the monthly amount with no rhyme or reason behind it.

109

[Civil Litigant-Private] Horrible judge, proven to not be fair and impartial.

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[Litigant] Judge Katherine Cooper - Kay Cooper, needs to be removed from the bench. She has proven to be not be fair and impartial. She does not look at the facts of the case, she seems to react harshly and hastily based on economic status and gender.

111

[Civil Litigation-Private] I've seen Judge Cooper in action and it's not good. I just recently found out she is on the list of Judges that "CLEAR THE BENCH" is trying to vote off the bench.

112

[Litigant] Judge Cooper does not look at evidence. She is biased and not capable of being a fair judge. I can only assume this judge flips a coin.

My case is so unbelievable that I find it hard to believe. I am sending a complaint to the Arizona Commission of Judicial Conduct. However, I don't expect them to do anything about her. She abuses her discretion depending on how she feels, who she likes, and God only knows what other criteria she uses to make a ruling. Her rulings have nothing to do with evidence...I know that for sure.

113

[Civil Litigation-Private] She is completely biased, and unwilling (or unable) to be impartial.

**Hon. Christopher Coury**

114

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This guy is on a big time power trip. Totally rude to everyone. I guess its good he is not biased.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Judge Coury should not even be a judge. His attitude is ARROGANCE! It was evident he DID NOT like my daughter, (a 20-year housewife) nor did he like her attorney, (who has since been disbarred for his mental capacity). Yes, a 20-year housewife with health issues and no formal education, he gives her 2 years of spousal maintenance and \$103 per month for 2 teenage children. Judge Coury yelled at my daughter because she didn't have a job and why hadn't she gotten a job. Then they determined, with no job experience that she could obtain a job and make \$40,000 a year. What kind of moron is this, sitting on a bench, making decisions that affects peoples lives?

**Hon. Janice Crawford\***

116

[Litigant] Bias against self-represented parties.

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[Litigant] Pro father despite what other reviews say. Gave my ex everything and a bag of chips that he asked for

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[Criminal Defense Attorney] Very bias judge towards men

119

[Litigant] This judge is very pro-mom. She is not up to speed on the current laws regarding equal parenting time. She disregarded documented issues of child abuse and mental illness of the other parent. She needs to be removed from the bench.

**Judge Adam J. Driggs\***

120

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This judge shouldnt be in family court he is biased towards fathers and know I know why people refuses to fight for their kids its not that they are dead beats but the fact that they dealing with lying mothers and biased judges that are for mothers

121

[Civil Litigation-Private] This judge does not know the law and when presented with it, simply refuses to follow it. He picks his winner based on personal bias, disregards the evidence. He refuses to calendar or hear mandated motions and petitions "for the convenience of the court". He is chronically overdue with decisions and back-dates them to prejudice the parties' ability to appeal.

**Hon. Sally Schneider Duncan\***

122

[Other] Sally Duncan is fortunate that so many of her cases are sealed. Were her conduct, decisions, arguments or interpretation of law and precedent subject to public scrutiny she would be laughed off the bench.

Her conduct is unbecoming of a judicial officer. She is emotional, irrational and highly biased. She is known for determining early, based on emotional judgments, not legal analysis, which party she favors. Once she has determined that, no facts, no case law, no rational argument will sway her.

She is dangerous because she is not capable of impartiality and can not objectively measure the arguments and evidence before her.

It is widely recognized among those who work with her and argue cases in her court room, from OPA to DCS, private attorneys and past judges, that Duncan is emotional and irrational and that her conduct in the courtroom, from emotional outbursts to belittling others, is unbecoming of her station.

That she is on the bench has caused considerable damage to the public faith in our legal system.

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[ Criminal Defense Lawyer ] She should not be on the bench. Period. Any attorney that's been before her knows exactly what I mean. She's incompetent however she doesn't follow the law so if she picks your side your good because she will ignore the law to find in your favor either way

124

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Horrible! No patience in dealing with cases

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[Civil Litigation- Govt] She works hard and creates the appearance of trying to do the right thing, but she is readily overwhelmed by complex cases and lets them run away. She cannot keep a handle on simple pretrial matters, doesn't issue scheduling orders that would keep things on track, and just generally picks a side she favors early on and lets that side run the show. Not surprisingly, the side she decides to favor in the early stages of the case get whatever they want from her. She isn't as bright as she thinks she is (or should be), and she tries to make up for it by letting the attorneys run the show.

126

[Litigant] Run, run as far away you can from this incompetent despicable judge, if you are unfortunate to be stuck with her, always demand a Jury trial as that will be your only hope to avoid her inability to follow THE LAW, due process and reason with any level of fairness or impartiality. I have never in my life seen some one whom has next to zero respect for ones rights. This judge needs to be reported and removed.

127

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Worst decision maker I have EVER BEEN IN the presence of. This is NOT a judge, this is a "MORON" with the title of "Judge". Where oh where do they get these morons? They must certainly "PAY TO GET THESE POSITIONS"! They surely aren't elected or voted in by their peers.

**Hon. Boyd Dunn**

128

[Other] Was very disappointed to watch Boyd Dunn keep such poor control of his courtroom. Petitioners lawyer grilled respondent for 30 minutes after a bunch of hoopla and then respondents lawyer only had 5 minutes on the stand. He was on the ball but since the order was not issued until 5 weeks later it was obvious he had forgot all about the false allegations, fake CPS reports filed by Petitioner and the withholding of the children. In addition to forgetting he also mistakenly wrote that respondent who was paying \$4K a month to petitioner took a pay cut a year after he did so he could not get credit for over payment. Respondents lawyer said it would not help to file as he would not change his mind, even though it was an obvious mistake. Nice guy, but bad lawyer. Respondent wont be using him again.

129

**Hon. Alfred Fenzel**

A poor family court judge at best. Makes financial errors, then refuses to correct them later. Very pro-Mother biased.

**Hon. Geoffrey Fish**

130

[Litigant] Complete lack of due diligence. Failed to follow AZ statute and law requiring concrete evidence. As a result, caused devastating consequences that cannot be fixed. Should not be immune to civil suit when there was a total lack of incompetence.

131

[Other] This judge was not impartial, and was indeed biased. He did not ask for documentation of allegations but took someone's word as fact without proof, and that is hearsay.

A court appointed impartial party was asked to value a business. It was valued at zero and yet this judge put a monetary value on it. it was his ob to remain impartial and her did not.

132

[Other] Not objective. Allows evidence that should not be considered. Tends to side toward females.

**Judge Lisa Flores**

133

[Other] Unprofessional behavior; violates civil law, it I fact that she is on a power trip. Lacks integrity, empathy. One sided does not take all facts of case into consideration.

Why is ex DCS/ AZ Attorney Generals defense Attorney a juvenile dependency judge?

Is that not a conflict of interest?

Some may even say it is Bias.

134

[Other] Not very good at all. Easily swayed by a sob story and to be blunt sexist.

She was high handed, opinionated (Her way or the highway type).

Total waste of space. I would most certainly not vote for her to remain on the circuit.

**Judge George Foster**

135

[Criminal Defense Attorney} Generally terrible. SHAVER. Let that name ring in your grandchildren's ears

136

[ Civil Litigation] If your looking for a judge to make an unclear decision that the next incoming judge has to fix... this is your clown

137

[Other] Tends to sleep through hearings especially after lunch. Very partial to defense. Abrupt and tends to cut prosecution off. Tries to find every possible way to arrive at a not guilty verdict.

138

[Prosecutor] Repeatedly interrupts prosecution when they try to present evidence. Appears preachy. Short fused

139

[Litigant] Judge Foster does not familiarize himself with the details of the case and has no sense of urgency. His judicial assistant is also extremely difficult to work with and has a high level of influence on his decisions. Judge Foster is unpredictable and can lose his temper easily. He also did not familiarize himself with the family court processes and then came down hard on the attorneys for his not understanding the family court processes. I am glad he has rotated out of family court and is off of my case.

140

[Litigant] His rulings were not outright terrible, but he was definitely not the right temperament for family court, particularly in high-conflict cases.

141

[Litigant] Judge Foster was not prepared for the trial and his courtroom etiquette was less than par. He did not allow enough time to present evidence and his ruling was one sided due to his lack of maintaining a fair trial.

142

[Other] As a pro se litigant, Judge Foster granted a permanent injunction against us before any testimony or trial even happened. We went to one oral argument, to which I brought photos that I wanted to show him, and he said, "That's not necessary." He continued on as though to make us think that we would all return and sit in the witness chair before he made a decision, and then instead he signed the permanent injunction and summary judgment! When the judge rotation happened, it was later found out that the plaintiffs had lied about how they had obtained their evidence on which he ruled. This was very bad judgment on the part of Judge Foster, and we cannot afford to appeal. He should have looked at the photos, as well as spoken with all those involved with the case.

### **Judge Dewain Fox**

143

[Litigant] Atrocious does not begin to describe this judge's conduct. A judge with clear biases may the best liar and manipulator win and let the evidence be damned. Sound harsh? Well imagine having the fate of your children being placed into the abusive and violent and alcoholic home with a charming sociopath. Yes this is my reality. All I wanted to do was keep our children safe and now they ride around not restrained in car seats with a father who drinks and drives and who flips out at them. This judge was completely snowed by the lies and did NOT take time to evaluate the facts. Hopefully he does a better job of making decisions in criminal court because he was a menace in family court. Is the safety and well-being of children

supposed to be a priority? Shouldn't judges be trained about what constitutes domestic violence and how perpetrators use children to continue to torment their victims?

144

[Other] Mr. Fox is has no business in any type of family court or any other court that has to deal with the safety and well being of children. I provided tons of evidence against my ex and he still ruled in his favor. He even made the best interest attorney feel as though she had to say what he wanted to hear. My ex has broken so many court orders and I have followed them all yet he still comes out the winner each time. Evidence means nothing in Mr. Fox's court room but lies mean everything. My children have been subject to abuse that they could have been protected from had he followed the evidence rather than the lies.

145

[Other] Worst Judge I ever met, total disregard for the evidence at hand and totally biased against women.

146

[Other] This man is a quiet judgmental chauvinist and makes life changing decisions based on unconfirmed & incorrect information and incorrect financial numbers! This man is a disgrace to the courts & I am livid that the rest of my life is now damaged because of his poor and inaccurate decisions. Looking at him objectively....he is totally male oriented and should NOT BE SITTING ON THE BENCH! SHAME on him.....

147

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] He needs to retire because he doesn't know anything about family law, he's putting children in harm's way!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I will rate this Judge as a "1" but that is still too generous of a score. Judge Fox may have been an excellent real estate employment attorney but the man is completely inept and out of his element in family law. It's a travesty that such a person with so limited of any understanding is placed in such a position without any training. Gov Ducey thanks a lot for putting this ignoramous in a position that effects children's lives. I can take whatever comes my way but when my children are endangered because this nimrod Judge believed a lying crooked narcissist and ignored the facts I am beside myself!!! I spent every penny trying to protect my children but thanks to this insensitive dolt they will be endangered and emotionally abused on a weekly basis

148

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Horrible experience. I agree with the other comments of him being absolutely blind to lying. He actually encouraged the other party to change their position in the middle of the final hearing and allowed it to stand. We did not realize it was trial by ambush. I am a 3rd party looking in. I handled tons of paperwork and pleadings and he blatantly ignored

the law throughout the case and made sure what his personal opinion was ended up being the ruling. Disgusting. Gov Ducey really did make a Huge mistake on behalf of the people. Fox may be good at business but Not for Family AT ALL.

149

[Litigant] Hideous horrific Experience. This judge has very little common sense. He was easily sucked in by my lying charming lying ex in a child custody case. My ex blatantly violated court orders and the judge fell for the lies and excuses that most reasonably intelligent person would see through especially with evidence. This judge ruined my life and placed my children in extreme danger. I pray every day that my children are not killed in a motor vehicle accident caused by my alcoholic ex

150

[Litigant] Total nightmare! No family law experience and completely ignored evidence presented by objective third party. He is clueless and made idiotic subjective rulings that were in direct opposition to the evidence. Thank you for putting me in the poorhouse and also putting my children in serious jeopardy. I don't think there is worse. Strike this one of you have the chance otherwise the risks are extraordinary.

151

[Litigant] He was COMPLETELY unfair in my divorce. Just because I make more (ex wife parents paid everything for her and still do and got the most expensive lawyer in Phx. Outrageous child support that has literally put me in dire financial straights. i will soon my house n vehicle and more than likely face bankruptcy causing me more debt. Believed everything my ex and her crying mom said. Pray you NEVER have to face him. Gov Ducey made a BIG mistake.

152

[Litigant] This judge rules with an iron fist. He ignores facts and evidence authored by objective third parties and falls under the spell of narcissistic manipulators listening to mere trumped up baloney and red herring tactics. I learned that to lie manipulate and throw out outrageous lies is to win. In my case I told the truth and was calm and rational all while acting in the best interest of my children and following the directives of previous judges. My reward? A stiff financial penalty that nearly made me homeless and unable to provide for my children. Completely ignored what was in the best interest of my children and . He reversed previous rulings with season well respected judicial officers and professionals. It is a travesty that he was handpicked by AG and is in this position

153

[Litigant] This is an evil judge who I agree doesn't understand what smokescreens and diversion tactics are. He is not pro father at all, but he is most certainly PRO-ATTORNEY all the way. He has no insights whatsoever and I feel sorry I voted for Doug Ducey now that I have

stood before this so called "judge". There will be a day when he will be judged and found wanting...

154

[Litigant] Seems to be furthering the father's rights agenda to a fault. If you are female doing everything in your power to protect your child expect this judge to retaliate against you and ignore any all evidence that you present. I am all for equality and fairness but this level of bias is devastating. One hopes that a man with this much power would be placing the best interest of children in the forefront. It is sad that instead he is putting his own agenda at the front. The Domestic Violence Coalition needs to educate this person.

155

[Litigant] Horrible evil man. Does not understand family law. Ignores severe domestic violence and is oblivious to how DV is a risk to a child. Does not write orders in a way that is clear so parties routinely have to file motions for clarification. This judge acts as self righteous as can be. If you are female you will end up with the short end of the stick. This man does not value women and does not value children otherwise my children would not be placed back in household where there is violence and substance abuse.

156

[Litigant] Egomaniac at the helm. Brand new to the bench and thinks he knows more than his colleagues with decades of experience. He has an agenda and seems to be a right wing mysoginist. Has placed children in harms way with his agenda which seems to be ignoring facts and the relevance of DV and giving father's what they want. If you are female and are involved in a custody dispute I would strike before it's too late.

157

[Civil Litigation-Private] Displaying hallmarks of significant bias in favor of father. Unable to objectively evaluate evidence presented and ignores evidence and rules with his bias. Easily distracted by irrelevant circus antics.

158

[Civil Litigation-Private] Extremely biased. Disregards key evidence and favors the side with the most outrageous and far fetched diversion tactics. Distracted by information not cogent to the matter set for trial. Minimal understanding of domestic violence and family law. Completely ignores/disregards past rulings issues ruled on by experienced family law judicial officers.

**Judge Keith Frankel**

159

[Civil Litigation-Private] This Judge came from the mental health sector and has ZERO education as far as court cases go. It appeared as thou he was sleeping on the stand he took

26 days for a verdict listened to nothing and got all the information in the case wrong. I personally believe he takes BRIBES

160

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Chandler you need real judges that don't have to go home and drink to have an outcome. Heave this loser judge out of commission

161

[Other] Bad judge does not care about the cases. He would rather turn his courtroom into a circus rather than ask the right questions. He is so bad a lot of his judgments are made away from the public. This judge is so worthless the results of his case are mailed out. He is a lazy judge that really does not care. We call it worthless. Recall this OBAMA LOVING TURD

**Judge Jeanne Garcia**

162

[Other] She is one of the worst judges EVER. She never rules timely, which is well-known in legal land. Even if she was going to make a decision based upon the evidence, by the time she gets around to doing the ruling, she obviously forgot. I don't even think that is the total case, because she never forgets her BIAS. Once she decides that she hates a litigant, there is no end to the things that she will do to make his life miserable. I say "his" because she seems to favor women over men. In a divorce case once, she issued the ruling 60 days after the trial (or more, as she's sneaky about back-dating rulings) and she forgot to divorce the parties!!! No jurisdictional findings re divorce. Really a liability to the Court system, Maricopa County and the general AZ public.

163

[Other] Judge Garcia did not concisely word anything in a useful or useable manner.

She did not hear both sides a fair amount of time.

She overlooked multiple counts of obvious perjury, subornation of perjury, and tampering of a witness by the opposing attorney.

She let the other attorney bully everyone in the courtroom including herself. She did not have control of her own courtroom.

She demanded materials due to her in a ridiculously short time, but then took weeks or months in cases to respond or act on information given.

She is insensitive to the bond between a mother and her child.

I have never before voted to remove a judge, but I will be voting to remove her this election.

164

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Judge Garcia made few mistakes on my child custody order, she falsely accused me or something I did not do, with no evidence at all ,she added false information to my order as the statement she made never happened and I never agreed to the change of parenting time and I said it clearly in court, yet she affirms that i agreed and I believe affected me on my rights as a mother. she took more of my parenting time and gave it to the liar father something he doesn't deserve. she wasn't paying attention seems like it and as important as it is, thanks to the bad judge decision is affecting my child and my self. The courts always says that they do the best interest of the child, FALSE !!! they have no idea what is the best interest for my child, I am the mother and I know better and my child couldn't be in better hands than me. Also they don't see when something is affecting the mother because of the other stupidity parent, also affects the child ! so would be great if they consider what a parent goes through

165

[Other] To my review , I added criminal defense lawyer, which is not applicable on my case . for review AZ1371

166

[Other] I was a witness in a recent trial in judge garcias court. While I was testifying, she seemed bored, uninterested, and appeared to be distracted. Also, she seemed this way with other witnesses. I don't think she was listening to my testimony or anyone else's. I don't think those people got a fair trial.

167

[Litigant] Jeanne Garcia is the most incompetent judge I have every been in front of. She ignores the evidence; makes her rulings on her personal opinion. She retaliates against any litigant who dares question her rulings. Unfortunately, an appeal takes 12-18 months and about \$30K, so it isn't worth it. She should be disbarred.

168

[Litigant] Did not familiarize herself pre hearing and did understand how updating vital records works.. Also was confused in regards to her own orders. Her rulings then began to favor other party when issue was raised.

**Judge David Gass\***

169

[Other] He put words about me that he has no clue what he is talking about. He made opinions of me as a parent when he don't have a clue the entire story. Shame on him. He needs to listen to both sides, but he assumed he knew my personal life better without living it.

170

[Other] Very biased! Not a good judge!

**Judge Jo Lynne Gentry**

171

[Other] Poor. She doesn't know how to apply the law. AZ statute states you can't give custody to a parent who has an order of protection. She didn't call a hearing and the opposing party didn't deny it. Gave joint custody anyhow and didn't allow witnesses for the mother to speak about the domestic violence.

<http://www.azjudges.info/reports/view.cfm?JudgeID=167>

**Judge Douglas Gerlach\***

172

[Litigant] Gerlach violated the Supremacy Clause then argued a red herring that I was vexatious to conceal his constitutional violations. He denied judicial notice of 9th Circuit rulings and filings. Maybe he's OK for simple complaints, but not complex constitutional matters. He did not read anything I submitted, and I've won three appeals in this case!

**Judge Samuel Goodman**

173

[Litigant] I am being harassed by my neighbor. The neighbor has threatened to poison my horses, throw battery acid on my dogs, encourages people to park on my easement that I do not know, is sexually harassing a young lady that comes to my property to train a horse I own and sexually harasses me by parading up and down along the fence line in his underwear all day. I put all this in the injunction. Judge Goodman quashed the injunction when neighbor complained and said I lied. I went to court with evidence, a witness and a witness statement. Judge Goodman wouldn't listen to the evidence. He told me to be a good neighbor. Since I went to court the behavior from the neighbor is escalating once again. I would never go back to this court again and wish I had a hired a lawyer so hold the judge accountable to points of law.

174

[Litigant] Completely biased judge with no inclination to review video proof or witness statements. Allowed for out of range statements from deputy that conflicted with known and video evidence. Did not allow explanation of action by a retire Military police office being stalked by a family member of a death row inmate. Failed to even acknowledge that the charges should have been enhanced due to victim was disabled and threats were made in front of a minor, let alone the threats were to a retired corrections officer by a family member of a death row inmate.. Ignored the fact that the defendant had called MCSO TWICE and made threats that were acted on with no action by MCSO after calls were made and deputy swore on stand that

he did not take any actions.the most abysmal ruling I have ever witnessed in over 22 years of military and civilian peace officer duties. I look forward to his defending his actions in a judicial review.

### **Judge Michael Gordon\***

175

[Civil Litigation-Private]

Really? He went to law school? Three lawyers with claims at odds with one another walked out of his courtroom agreeing that he has no ability to understand or reason on basic legal issues.

176

[Civil Litigation-Private] Unfair toward Fathers. Rules by mother allegations, NOT FACTS PROVIDED. (must have been raised by mother only, because shows resentment towards Fathers)

177

[Other] This judge does favors mothers and will not let the fathers talk and the mother can make accusations without evidence and he believes anything they say. When my lawyer presented evidence that the mother was lying, Judge Gordon says she wasn't lying or hiding money intentional. He is unfair and does not care about tearing families apart. He allows the mother to present evidence even if she does not meet the deadline, when counsel objects, he allows it. The judge needs to be kicked off the bench he makes moves to make appeals easy. He is totally unfair and has no control over anybody but the fathers, he seems to hate fathers. I wonder if he is a father?

178

[Litigant] I've been involved in divorce-related litigation in front of Judge Gordon for over two years now. He is terribly disorganized and regularly loses track of important trends in the case (while remembering snippets and details that are largely irrelevant). He lost track of the time being used, and on several occasions was unaware that there were people in the gallery heckling me while testifying.

At the end of the day, he clearly forms an unprofessional opinion early and has an agenda that will not be derailed by the facts presented or the weight of evidence before him. He acts very kindly and his behavior (aside from the general level of disorganization) is professional, but he does a really poor job as an actual judge.

179

[Other] I know 2 people that have stood before Judge Michael Gordon. Both have lost visitation rights with their children.

Seems he favors the mothers and dislikes when the fathers say anything that would bring to light that Judge Gordon doesn't know all the facts of the case.

These men are good fathers that want desperately to be in their childrens' lives. That is more common that Judge Gordon thinks. THEY ARE PAYING THEIR CHILD SUPPORT! They deserve a chance to be fathers.

Can't wait until he is up for re-election... he doesn't have my vote.

180

[Other] Judge Gordon has no control over his courtroom. During my hearing, two different groups of unrelated people entered the room and began having conversations in the rear benches. Then, three clerks also started a conversation DURING our hearing. Judge Gordon did nothing to quiet these disruptions that made it almost impossible to hear what was taking place in our hearing.

The clerks in Judge Gordon's court clearly have no respect for him. At two points during this same short hearing, Judge Gordon snapped at his clerks because he couldn't find his materials, and they snapped back at him. During most of the hearing they were either totally ignoring him or rolling their eyes when he spoke.

I have heard through court sources that Judge Gordon's nickname is "Soft on crime", and after my hearing, I can say it's well deserved. He did not seem to care in the least that my ex had ceased paying child support again, even though his arrearages are in the thousands of dollars. He allowed my ex to bad mouth another commissioner and me for past judgements against him, while doing nothing to hold him accountable or help my children.

Lastly, and most disturbingly, he seemed to have no idea whatsoever why we were there, and was trying to read through the pages and pages of motions while we sat there during a ten minute hearing. He had clearly not read through any of it prior to entering the room, and he was skimming it, making verbal gaffes about why we were there, because he wasn't reading it thoroughly.

**Hon. Warren J. Granville**

181

[Other] chilling to see the 1/2 cocked grin when he was sentencing a woman. just chilling, who can do this to someone at the worst moment of their life . sickening and sociopathic nature to it ! EK !

**Hon. Jennifer Greene\***

182

[Litigant] Judge Green is bias towards Mothers and will ignore recommendations from Court Appointed Advisors when they assert that Mother is not fit. Her poor judgement has unnecessarily prolonged my litigation and placed my child in harm's way.

183

[Other] She is the worst judge that I have ever delta with

**Judge Pep Guzman**

184

[Other] Judge Joe pep Guzman is a big Joke. First he shows up 25minutes late,looking all bloated and eyes bloodshot,then hes rushing to get everyone out,upset when I tell him he hasnt heard the truth,instead he gets all bossy and rules against me. Then I'm told hy a member of council that he sells himself for very cheap!!!! Now I believe that!!

185

[Litigant] As others have stated it is very unfortunate there is no value lower than 1.0 that can be awarded in these reviews. Pep Guzman is a joke. He is abusive, impatient, short-tempered, and seems to make up rules on the fly on why certain evidence cannot be presented. It is insulting that the pubic should be "judged" by an individual who himself has been convicted of a crime. The charge was Criminal Damage to a vehicle and he was reportedly forced to attend anger management therapy (see Arizona Republic article, page 66, dated July 1, 1998). Oh, let me be clear, Pep did not have the "stones" to actually admit his crime, he used an old lawyers' trick and pleaded "no contest" (nolo contendere), "where a defendant in a criminal prosecution accepts conviction as though a guilty plea had been entered but does not admit guilt." That's right "does not admit guilt." THIS is the "man" who hides behind his black robe, apparent pillar of his community. Worst legal experience of my life. He also completely favors litigants who are reprinted by counsel. There were numerous times I found out later I could have and should have objected to items presented as evidence, and hearsay testimony, but he just sits there, quiet as a little mouse. Good luck when you enter his zoo. There is a Superior Court Review board and I am submitting the recording from my case for their review. His conduct is an embarrassment to the law profession. he should resign.

186

[Other] This Judge uses his authority and position to intimidate you instead of being nonjudgmental and fair in accordance with the law. He is very manipulative and lies.

187

[Criminal Defense Attorney] I've seen three judges for my own infractions he was one I've seen other judges take time and be more understanding but with this judge it doesn't matter what

you do or say he does not care, he is that person that is always right even if he's wrong one of the worst experiences I've even part of

188

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Very bias Justice. Pro HOA.

**Judge Gary Handley**

189

Didn't do his job. Just sits there, making you talk to the other litigant. You do not get due process with this judge. He's a joke. Horrible judge.

190

[Other] I witnessed the extreme meaning to the word "injustice". This judge believes he is God. He entered the courtroom with his decision in hand. No evidence was going to take it away from him. It was a joke. The true victim was left to be victimized again - by the court. Shame on him!

191

[Other] my case was decided before I said a word. All evidence was ignored. The Plaintiffs were allowed to testify throughout the proceeding. I was continuously reprimanded while the other party was given free reign. Because the Plaintiffs were lying, I thought truth would prevail. But not in this court. The truth was completely beside the point. This judge pre-decides the case and operates in complete bias. He is the antithesis of justice. I vote to hang this judge.

192

[Litigant] This judge is completely incompetent. He does not examine evidence, and gives ambiguous decisions. He could not care less about justice, and should be relieved from his position on the bench.

193

He needs to be reported to the judicial disabilities commission. Decisions are clearly erroneous. Easily reversible on appeal. Why does Arizona have such easy judicial appointment laws to keep such an incompetent judge on the bench.

194

[Litigant] This JP is just downright impatient he is rude, he has no time for people representing themselves. He is very intimidating, he won't answer questions, he comes across as if you are waisting his precious time so just shut your mouth and let him rule his kingdom. He makes me sick and should not be in the position he is in, he is clueless as to the laws and puts all his trust

in counsel vs pro se. He doesn't deserve to be in for another term. He needs to be canned from his throne

195

[Other] Handley's decisions swing toward short skirts, low cut blouses and women who can cry a good cry with Oscar performances as a victim. What a worthless judge. My daughter in law put a gun to her head and was arrested by police after her husband found out she was screwing around while he was overseas. My son got an order of protection after she threatened him with the gun, she then got an order of protection on me for telling her to F\*\*\* off and Handley kept the order in force and I was escorted out by deputies. Handley did his best to appear as my daughter in laws "savior". She's a tramp and Handley is a crooked judge.

196

[Civil Litigation-Private] I was being hounded by debt collector's, action taken by collector's, tried to work with them to no avail.. Never got a day in court before judgement made against me. collector's paid pennies on the dollar for debt, & my buddy gary gave collector's full original debt with 24% interest(\$ 6,000.00).Due to economy & job loss in past 2 yr's., i lost my home, vehicle & all saved retirement trying to save home. Was just getting on my feet when this occurred. Thank's, Gary. Kid's had no x-mas & I live in a hovel of a 1 bdrm. apt. where gunfire abound's. I know I sound cynical, but this isnt justice in my eyes.

#### **Hon. John Hannah**

197

[Litigant] Biased. Takes away scheduled trial time without notice or reason. Takes Telephonic Conferences during trial. Intolerant to questions. No control in the courtroom while he appeared to be attending to other things.

198

[Litigant] Judge Hannah should not be on the bench in my opinion. It doesn't take much to confuse him and then he can't get the facts straight. I think he ruled with his "feelings" instead of the evidence.

199

[Litigant] He makes it up as he goes favoring big law firms and insurance companies over the little guys. Ignores legal issues such as res judicata and issue preclusion, in favor of his own biases against Jews.

200

[Civil Litigation-Private] Judge Hannah makes up Allegations unrelated to the Parties case & then try's using minutes to Cyber bully people. Attorney quite your case because Hannah so Weird they refuse to go in front of him.

201

[Litigant] Judge Hannah I found has reflected his own personal judgement and interpretation of the law. He has a hard time understanding more perplexed litigation it seems. I don't like it when a Judge allows his own rules to be bent. This Honorable Judge states one thing then does the other.

202

[Litigant] Unqualified and his court is behaviors matter and known of the law is disgusting. He is retaliatory towards Parties for his own personal short comings and should in NO way be on the bench.

After having a failed Criminal Law Practic after 21 years, Foreclosures, and now is financial independ living a govenment salary depicits what a criminal Hannah his. Hannah goes about and be on to discredit a Party in order to pick their Bank Account from every angle. Blame, Blame, Blame, meanwhile he's laughing all the way to the bank with huge Law Firms, Therapist, and of course the AZ Bar kicking back monies. Hannah is the ring leader to a Criminal Enterprise! Congrats!

How much money goes to Sandra Day O'Connor?

203

[Other] He's a women's activist, and in my opinion the well being of the child/children is usually his main agenda.

204

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Judge Hannah is warming up to the task of the criminal bench. The juvenile bench assignment, from which he came, often creates a mindset that has no place in adult court. At this point the jury is still out.

**Hon. Michael Herrod\***

205

[Other] I would actually give him a zero and if you have end up having him for a judge, see if you can request another. He missed MAJOR details in his rulings which makes me believe he didn't read everything. As another person shared here, he also schmoozed with the other attorney after the case in the court room in front of everyone. He lacks professionalism, key to details, and does not seem to be objective. I will not vote for him if his name comes up again on a ballot.

206

[Litigant] He was assigned my case and I thought he was someone that knew right from wrong. He became a judge months before i filed in Superior Court. Its doesn't take a rocket scientist to

know that a broken bone always gets money for medical and pain/suffering! He chatted with attorneys after the dismissal! Looks and sounds like a Social Club, not a Court Room. He owes me \$700,000!! He should change his last name... reminds me of a Bad King!!

207

[Litigant] This Judge clearly does not follow the rules, laws, or procedures that govern Family Court. It was obvious to me that he clearly didn't care either. Very biased opinion, even though clear exhibits were presented to the contrary. His Minute Entry provided weeks after the evidentiary hearing was so sloppy it didn't solve any of the issues and resulted in protracted litigation.

He needs a re-training, or just step down. It is criminal the behavior of some of the Judges in Family Court.

This Judge is a total waste of court resources and taxpayer money, the people of Maricopa County deserve much better!

208

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] On of the worst judges out there. How he became a judge is beyond comprehension.

209

[Civil Litigation-Private] This judge "just wants to sit and play on his computer, then makes a decision. Far, far to lax and tends to side with the 'big boys' even if they are wrong. Frankly, Judge Herrod doesn't care about his job. He sits there for the pay.

210

[Civil Litigation-Private] This judge listened to my case, (I sent a FAX about what I believe to be facts) I expressed my FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS by voicing my opinion. Judge Herrod, at the request of the company attorney, placed a "RESTRAINING ORDER" on me, then he let the opposing council "SEAL THE CASE", (so I couldn't let the public & INVESTORS, know what was going on. No opinion of mine counted, the judge just sat there in a daze most of the time and made this decision when all was said. THIS JUDGE DID THE SAME TO MY DAUGHTER, (IN THE SAME CASE).

This action with a restraining order and the case sealed, left my daughter and I, both in a situation as we can't get a judge to UNLOCK THE CASE. Very BAD JUDGE to sit there and act as if he could care less what was happening, just sided in with the company.

**Hon. Kristin C. Hoffman**

211

[Other] Does not exhibit knowledge of basic civil court rules and processes. Shows biases on the bench, rules based on opinion and other factors of bias rather than facts presented.

## 212

[Civil Litigation-Private] Shows extreme bias in the court room and defers to the state rather than listening to facts presented. Is unwilling to hear testimony from 13 yr youth who would like to testify on their own behalf.

## 213

[Other] Does not exhibit knowledge of basic civil court rules and processes. Shows biases on the bench; rules based on opinion and other factors of bias rather than facts presented.

## 214

[Other] Does not allow exculpatory evidence. Does not give the defendant the right to Discovery. Clearly a kangaroo court. She even took evidence from the defendant as the defendant attempted to enter it as an exhibit and the judge gave the evidence to the prosecution team.

[Other] This judge has no respect for procedure, for evidence, or for the LAW. I disagree with the previous poster who claimed this judge was too "father's rights" oriented. My husband got screwed by her in a CS enforcement hearing. Hoffman explained to my husband and his ex what the definition of contempt was, asked the ex if she understood, she said she did, the judge told her she was in contempt...and then Hoffman took her ruling under advisement and didn't find contempt at all. In fact, her final ruling clearly reflected that she took pity on the ex and ignored all of the clear, concise, evidence showing the ex was in contempt. Why? Because my husband went in having his ducks in a row despite not having a lawyer. So the judge took pity on the ex's clear stupidity. I'm glad she's not in family court anymore. But she shouldn't be a judge at all.

## 215

[Other] This judge needs to be voted out. She is very pro "father's rights" even when there is evidence of the father being abusive to the children, suspicion of drug use, and when caught in lies in the courtroom. She will divide everything 50/50 no matter what. Even parenting time when the parents live an hour away from each other. She will not rule on a primary address so that the parents are unable to choose a school for their children thus sending it to a parenting coordinator to use all the parents' money and make crappy decisions. She is harmful to children in divorce rulings.

## 216

[Other] This "judicial officer" is the worst I have ever seen on any bench! She is allowed to rule by the "rule of man" as she is totally ignorant to the "rule of law" ... such a sad time for "democracy". She needs to have some "reality check" training big time! She must be stopped!

## 217

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Should not be a family court judge. She was a criminal judge for 10 years then goes to family court and makes criminal rulings in a family court setting.

**Hon. Bethany G. Hicks\***

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[Other] She doesn't make sure that the parent that has been doing a good job and has full time care of the child, she doesn't make sure that parent is served when the deadbeat parent wants something.

She doesn't make sure too follow through and make sure the good parent has be notified or served.

Read Miss Hicks Read and stop being swayed by the criminal organizations there in the Valley.

219

[Other] I would rate her a zero but it wont allow it. worst judge there is and wont even listen to the guys side.

220

[Other] This is the worst Judge ever. She is requiring a father to sell his house. She is also taking the kids away from him because of false allegations.

221

[Litigant] Worst judge I have ever seen. She doesn't care what the evidence is, God help you if you call her bias in her own court room. This judge doesn't know the law, appeals being filed, civil suit against this judge may follow. Disgusting Hicks, nothing honorable about you.

222

[Civil Litigation-Private] Judge Hicks should never have been appointed to the bench. She is ignorant of the law, consistently making rulings that disregard it, and is biased in the extreme. She may be the reason for the now in place rule that one must have actually practiced law before they can be appointed to the bench. Truly a disgrace to attorneys and judges alike.

223

[Other] Bethany Hicks does not protect children, open molestation investigation on other party, the father of a child. His wife believes her daughter, who she lost custody have, this judge allowed her to commit perjury on the stand and protected her, regarding what she told a detective to what she said in this hearing. Prove given and read in open court threatening emails by this father to the mother, violating this judges orders, and she doesn't care. Thank God she steps down in June. Stay far away if she is assigned to your case, get a change of judge asap before she gets her claws in it and destroys your child.

224

[Civil Litigation-Private] Worst judge currently serving on the bench of the Superior Court of Maricopa County. She doesn't know the law. She causes undue harm to victims and children. She is an embarrassment to the legal profession. Thank god she steps down in June of 2015. Not soon enough. She will burn in hell for the harm she has done to families. She will wear a mill stone around her neck and be drowned in the depths of hell.

225

[Other] Please tell me what we can do. My husband just received the wrath from this evil beast! Her expectations were unrealistic and unfair, she wouldn't even listen to his defense or the factual evidence we brought to the courtroom. Out hands are tied, we cannot see the children, pay the orders or anything that she ordered. Does anyone know of a lawyer who can fight this or appeal it? This is causing major damage to our children! He was treated like a dead beat dad when he's been paying over 50% a month for years for child support! Please help!

226

[Other] This judge does not belong In any court room and needs to study the laws before she ever steps foot In another court room. Betthany Hicks put my children in the hands of a father that allowed my daughter to be molested by his new wife's son. My children's father has not been a part of their life, behind in support and I could go on and on. Betthany Hicks was even late walking into the court room for my trial. If anything more happens to my daughter my finger is pointed at you Betthany! Sorry you don't deserve the honorable part at all!!'

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[Other] Judge Hicks doesn't belong in family court, I am not a litigant. I sat in on a family court hearing, the mother was begging the judge for a child interview. Judge Hicks kept shaking her head, in the head she ordered a child interview but ordered looking for alienation of child by mother, along with anxiety of mother put on child. I have never seen something so outrageous in my life, a mother begging for an interview and then a judge to act like the mother is doing something wrong. I felt so sorry for the mother that day, this judge you can tell doesn't care about the child in the case. I just pray that the child stays with the mother, and father's visitation becomes limited. Father was only looking out for his feelings and time, no consideration for his own child. I could see just from the time I was in there the father's hole goal is to torment the mother. Sad. Please vote this Judge off the bench. I am not a litigant in any case, haven't read any of the reviews, this was my first time sitting in her court observing. Shocked!

228

[Other] My parents have been going through a rather nasty divorce/custody battle for over a decade. It's been nasty because of judges like Bethany Hicks. In this particular case she has been belligerent, condescending, and extremely biased. Her behavior is indicative of the corruption of the court system. Regardless of her reasons, she was inappropriately hostile. She

even forgot which case she was presiding over, citing facts from another case. After reviewing some of her other cases, there is a obvious bias in her cracking down on "deadbeat dads," and it often is on the testimony of the mother, not the facts. One of the previous judges in my parent's case was asked to step down and retire because of behavior that Bethany Hicks has also presented. I want my parents to reach a fair and reasonable conclusion to this endless battle, but I fear Judges like Bethany Hicks won't allow that to happen.

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[Other] She ignored the evidence in a case where a child was in immediate danger from a violent boyfriend who had a court case pending for assault. She believed all the lies the girlfriend told her, when there were pictures of the assault, court records etc. The father was sent to jail for non payment of child support even tho he had cancelled checks. This woman is a monster, she needs to be off the bench. What rights do fathers have when their child is in danger- NONE according to this judge!

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[Other] Judge Hicks is a true professional when it comes to parent alienation. She bases her opinions on hearsay and lies. She, in our case, does not have the childrens interests at heart and has done more harm than good. If anyone reads this, I would recommend voting someone else to the bench, the next time around and put someone in who follows the law by listening to truth.

Judge Hicks doesn't read the case file, bias towards rules when there is a change of judge with with her superior judge, intentionally loses documents in her division, then. Makes a party payvery little child support, which is fine since my son knows who supports him, his step father and I. Doesn't listen, read motions, doesn't follow family law, nor protects children. She allows dead beats to continue to be dead beats, and abusers

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[Other] EXTREMELY bias judge, puts children in danger along with other family members. Doesn't read motions, exhibits, doesn't follow the family court laws, she picks and chooses which ones to follow. Had an attorney wouldn't even allow attorney in court to show evidence, doesn't matter if you are male or female if she doesn't like the way you look or something you are out, better find a way before your child suffers, . Sad that voters just check the no opinion box when voting not knowing anything about these judges, they should be held in contempt etc when they don't abide by the laws set forth.

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[Litigant] Completely Bias Judge "Pro Women" in Family Court Decisions. Ignores "Verifiable Facts", believes in Hearsay. Doesn't enforce Injunctions, Motions for Contempt, Compel (number of documents still pending in the Discovery Process) or Sanctions (Allows Perjury) to go unpunished. Quoting; Judge Hicks Verbatim "The trial in this matter was conducted on 2013. During the proceedings the Court "heard from the witnesses", includes the parties. The Court

has since considered the evidence, including the demeanor of the witnesses, has reviewed the exhibits as well as the case history, and has considered the parties "arguments". Judge Hicks allowed "Unsworn Testimony" in this case, without affording the Petitioner and his consul the "Right to Cross-Examine these Witnesses", this is a Clear Violation of Federal, State and Local Laws. Second, they both were never sworn-in inside this Courtroom or front of my consul or me for that matter! Any Testimony from both Witnesses should be Thrown Out as Hearsay! There is nothing worse than having an ex-wife lying, but having a sitting Judge over these proceedings committing the same act, distorting the "Truth" and then inflating figures from "Exhibits", is beyond me, to justify Judge Hicks findings would be to commit (Perjury)! As for Judge Kicks background, she was a Criminal Judge, but didn't not see the Respondent as a Criminal, for Tax Evasion and Tax Fraud, believe that a "Women" don't lie, Well Judge Hicks just "Perjured herself in this matter!

## 233

[Other] I currently have a case pending in this Judge's courtroom, so I don't want to give too much away in case she figures out who wrote this. I have had several hearings that begin at 9 a.m. All the people involved are there. Court staff is there. But the Judge never ever ever starts on time. She will come strolling in the courtroom usually around 9:30 a.m. Sometimes she will give us the bull excuse that she's giving us "time to talk". I have also had hearings other times of the day, and she never tries to give us time to talk. I wonder if she thinks we are stupid and we can't figure out that she just can't bother to show up to work on time? Guess what, my attorney charges \$200 an hour. So that 1/2 that he's sitting there with me and she's not there, I still need to pay for that. So it has literally cost me hundreds of dollars. And since I can't and/or won't say who I am for fear of the ruling she might make, I can't file a complaint with her boss. We have also got papers back from the court on some of her decisions that she has made. I'm not saying I should get everything I want, not by a long shot. But it is also very clear by reading the stuff she puts out that she doesn't read her stuff thoroughly. I know this person has been a judge for a really long time. I wonder if she reads these? If she does, hey, lady, maybe it's time to retire and give someone else a chance. You certainly don't care if you can't bother to show up on time EVERY DAY!

## 234

[Other] This judge should be removed from the bench. She doesn't require parties to file the correct documents, doesn't read motions, and doesn't follow the Arizona revised statutes at all, when they are very clear and well-presented in motions. Hearings should be set, and evidence allowed to be presented, instead of her just ignoring everything that she sees. From what I have personally seen, she needs to be removed from the bench, and voters need to become more educated on judges and begin to vote correctly before more people become victims of this type of justice.

## 235

[Litigant] She is very biased, and doesn't read motions. She allows an eleven-year-old-boy to stay in a studio apartment on weekends, overnight, with his father and a wife who has had her

rights severed from her own children by the State of Arizona. She will not protect victims of domestic violence, even with an affirmed order of protection. She will order joint legal decisions, which is against state law. She will not make the other party file the correct paperwork, and doesn't order back support. Change judges if you get her, whether you are a mother or a father.

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[Litigant] Clearly, she is anti-men in Family Court matters. I filed contempts and motions, but she ignores and/or bends the rules of the Family Court in favor of women. It looks like more appeals will be in order.

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[Other] This judge is very biased towards mothers, and if you're a father representing yourself, she will ignore all evidence and go with the mother and her attorney.

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[Litigant] Bethany Hicks is the worst judge and should never practice in family court ever again. She is biased and lacks the ability to be objective. I'm in the fight of my life because of this judge, and I can tell you I will not let her take my baby from me and put him in the hands of his abusive drunk dad.

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[Civil Litigation-Private] This judge is a detriment to the equalization of parental rights, as well as the best interests of everyone who sets foot in her courtroom. She entered orders modifying legal decision-making authority and parenting time during a telephone status conference and no petition to modify pending before the court and walked out of the courtroom when I challenged her legal authority to do so.

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[Other] This is not the rant of a disgruntled litigant -- it is, rather, my opinion based on my recent interaction with this judge. Judge Hicks is not a good fit for Family Court. She is unaware of the facts of each case, and is often swayed by emotions. She is not the sort of person that should be in a position to make decisions about children. She makes emotional decisions based on evidence that should not even be allowed. My suggestion to anyone that has Judge Hicks is to figure out a way to work it out with your fellow parent. It is not my intent to ruin anyone's career, nor do I think that one person's opinion on a review site will have that sort of power. Winning or losing a case is irrelevant; the well-being of the children involved is all that matters.

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[Litigant] You had better figure out how to make her like you personally the first time you appear before her otherwise you are toast. She ignores the facts and rules according to which

side she likes better regardless of the facts. Despite proven perjury she stated in open court that "this is family court not criminal" and refused to even consider the perjury evidence.

242

[Other] During our divorce she praised my ex's "honesty" for her filing in under 30 days in the wrong county. During our hearing she didn't want to hear any of the circumstances of the case. She just awarded the house to my ex because she thought it was fair. She also then gave my ex my protected address, breaking the protection order from another judge. Right after she made her ruling two Federal marshals arrested her for varying charges in front of her. So good job Hicks! You just awarded the house to a pedophile/prostitute and putting those same children in danger! Great judgement of character and person!

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Disturbingly unprofessional

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[Other] She would not allow me to speak in a custody hearing. My ex had a lawyer and she was very unprofessionally flirting with the attorney. We had 3 people that witnessed it with us and were astounded at such unprofessional behavior, especially with such a serious matter like the safety of the children. she then ruled without out any of my proof, testimony or witnesses could speak. My husband asked if he could address the judge (since he was a main subject in this case was against him) She became overly emotional and said that she wanted it noted my husband could not control himself and removed him from the court room. My ex husbands girlfriend began to clap and 'woot' at this order. I asked why she was not being removed for such blatant inappropriate bias in a case, she told me to 'Shut up!' Which was very unnecessary for a judge to say to a Defendant or anyone in a professional environment. I would assume ANY professional judge would find that cheering in a court room is way more out of line than asking to address the judge! She then asked my ex husband what he wanted and granted it. I was never even address in the matter of custody. I have seen unprofessional civil/government employees but her behavior was shockingly inappropriate and has endangered my children. After just 2 weeks in his care (after him not spending more than 15 times a year for dinner and a movie by his choice) He does not know the childrens health issues, personalities or anything about them. Out of no where he wanted the kids when he hadn't wanted them for 8 years. I am still stunned at such blatant disregard of the actual situation and the safety of 2 children that are now in a VERY unsafe environment.

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[Other]

It's time to be silent no longer....

Judge Hicks is an embarrassment to the honor and objectivity of the Maricopa Superior Court and should be replaced in the next elections. (I understand that a grass roots movement has already begun).

ACTUAL CASE EXAMPLE:  
(omitted here)

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[Civil Litigation-Private] Albeit all smiles and congeniality in the courtroom, Judge Hicks is quite simply an incompetent Arizona civil docket judge. She is routinely one-sided, egregiously unknowing of the most black letter of Arizona law, and prone to disregard stare decisis. She is one of the least benightedly unintelligent adjudicative life forms it has been my profound lack of pleasure not to be able to avoid arguing in front of.

247

[Other] If Judge Hicks is an example of the judges sitting on our courts, we are truly headed for a down fall. She is an American tragedy. She may always judge against women in her court, but she will most definitely rule against brown faster.

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[Civil Litigation-Private] Entirely setting aside comments about judicial demeanor and leanings, the greatest concern about this judge is a dual concern about profound lack of knowledge of the law and procedure, and constant efforts to cover up and compensate for it. I have been on the winning side of her rulings for two years but she still doesn't know about the case, the law or how to get to a conclusion.

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[Prosecutor] I have seen her in court several times. She will always rule against women in her court when there is a male opposing counsel. Kind of hypocritical, since she is a member of AWLA. She is ignorant of the law and does not care if she is wrong and will never admit it.

**Hon. Stephen Hopkins\***

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He is definitely bias towards prosecution and definitely unfair. i can not believe he is a judge to begin with and it is scary to know he is a criminal judge now. He does not respect human being in general and he allows pedophiles to walk free and women to get abused . he is beyond unfair towards women and abused children. i am just so shocked about him being allowed on a bench.

251

[Other] My ex husband has been proven to violate our court order on 3 occasions. Judge Hopkins gave my ex husband excuses and awarded him attorneys fees. He allowed my ex husband to speak and didn't want to hear anything from me. My ex husband gets more abusive to me and my child knowing that he will never be punished. I will be writing a complaint to the

judicial board. His blatant hatred for mothers is so obviously biased no matter what evidence you have or what a parenting coordinator recommends.

## 252

[Litigant] Stephen Hopkins is a completely incompetent and terrible excuse for a judge. During our trial for custody, he became irate and began yelling at the participants and lawyers because the information seemed to not fit his liking. After receiving the findings, I was shocked to read the completely biased and unbalanced statements from this idiot. He refused to acknowledge testimony from a councillor, he misstated evidence and he berated our side citing examples of behavior that were clearly in testimony attributable to the other side. I have read reviews about this judge going against women and this case was no different. His ridiculous and foolish comments about our side are transparent to his hatred of women. He also awarded attorney fees to the other side and set forth a specific date to have the China doll exhibit submitted... the opposing council submitted on the specified date but it was rejected by the clerk. The docs were not submitted properly until 3 days later. This judge then still awarded said costs... unbelievable... vote this clown out of office. He's worthless to the system.

## 253

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Completely biased. Doesn't know family law, retirement issues. Makes unlawful rulings. Allows blatant contempt if you are a man. Listens to slander and defamation and makes his ruling from it without a shred of evidence being provided to back up claims towards wife. He is HORRIBLE. Absolutely has no business sitting on the bench.

## 254

[Other] Horrible judge, doesn't pay attention to the needs of children. Makes decisions against mothers, and favors fathers. He is a poor contribution to family law. If you have this judge proceed with major caution!

## 255

[Civil Litigation-Private] Stephen Hopkins is the most biased judge I have ever encountered. Do not expect him to be experienced in abuse cases. If you are looking for a judge who will rule for an abuser, this is the man for you! Pro father, anti mother and definitely anti breastfeeding! If you are an abusive man looking for a misogynistic judge to rule in your favor, he's your guy! He needs to be removed as a judge immediately.

## 256

[Civil Litigation-Private] I believe this judge rules against women lawyers, and is biased in favor of men. It appears to me he does not want to have a trial, that he is preclusive over hearing evidence, and that he takes it upon himself to somehow be an advocate when he is to judge. I think he thinks he is fair. I believe he thinks so highly of himself that he makes up his mind before evidence is taken in.

257

[Other] Second time having him as a judge. He is biased and does not make rulings in the best interest of the child, Ignores evidence, and favors fathers. Unacceptable. File a complaint with the commission on judicial conduct.

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[Litigant] He is horrible. He doesn't read the motions at all and rules on them. You provide documentation and he says you didn't. The opposing party writes something in their response to your motion, then goes into court and lies and says something different and he says we didn't show sufficient evidence. It's in their response!!! He rules to put a woman out of work so the husband can disrupt her business to do inventory and denies her emergency request that he simply come in on a day the business is closed. He issues temporary orders and then refuses to enforce them for over a year leaving the woman who makes 1/4 of what the husband makes to pay all the marital debt simply because the husband says he can't afford it and isn't paying anything! It is absolutely insane! He denies evidentiary hearings and rules without looking at the evidence. He HATES women!

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[Other] I have been denied my right to an evidentiary hearing numerous of times. Never have had a chance to go in front of this judge and he continues to rule against me and rule on custody matters determining the future of a 3 year old child with no trail, no facts, not even a phone conference. I feel like this judge hates me because I am a mother and a woman. I wish I had been given my constitution right to a hearing. I am deeply disappointed . My attorney is out of words. It is unheard of and unseen of situation.

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[Litigant] If I could give this individual a negative number I would. He is extremely biased towards men and does not seem very empathetic towards children. He seems to think fathers rights are more important than the children's rights.

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[Other]] Horrible judge. If you're a father that's great. If you're a father who doesn't exercise his parenting time (and mother has extensive proof showing so) and doesn't pay child support on time or just pays whenever he "feels" like it you have an even better chance of winning! Even when me as mother am financially struggling working two jobs and just barely getting by with the help of my mother and new husband, Steven Hopkins would not allow my relocation to where my new husband was stationed. My husband now has to give up his career in the Army which paid a hocky stick of a lot more money than bio dad even makes and meant that he had a means of providing a great future for his stepchildren. He now has to throw all that away and get a civilian job back in our hometown. There goes all the health coverage and everything else that the military would have helped with. Steven Hopkins doesn't care that we will now be going on even more state assistance because we are already on food stamps even with me

working two jobs. So all in all it doesn't matter what kind of father you are you'll win with Steven Hopkins.

**Hon. Carey Snyder Hyatt\***

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[Other] I'm only giving her one star so it will weigh against her. She is the worse Arbitrator. The other party showed up high and with her boyfriend that beats her and the children. She refused to look at our paper trail. We had evidence against the other party but she refused to look at it. She believed the lies of the other party without verification. Her responses gave me and my attorney the impression that she had made her decision before we meet with her. Her decision was based on her biased only! She wouldn't listen to any discussion or evidence.

263

[Other] Judge Hyatrt is a disgrace and I had to return eight months later after I told her my EX wasn't doing what he was suppose to yet again prove that he wasn't.  
Dear Judges- usually the primary parent that is working their butts off to provide for the kids- probably the one you should believe...

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[Other] This Judge is very good in the things that handle families, she send them the Mothers to jail in order to have the so call fathers wide open doors to take children away, and free to run out of town. Impose high bonds to have visitation with the children that she already have destroy their lives but allowing to be taking away against the will of their mother, she is a disgrace to the state of Arizona, she will be forever remember as the worst Judge in the history of the state that was paying her salary. If a judge tries a case, reaches a decision, and presents his judgment in writing, and it is later discovered that his decision was in error, and that it was his own fault, then she shall pay 12 times the fine set by her in the case shall be removed from the judge's bench

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Beware! This woman now works with Forensic Counseling and Evaluations, owned by David Weinstocks. They do mental health evaluations, court Interventionist's, Advisor's, etc...The whole Maricopa superior court is one big inbred circus. Do your homework, use the internet, and find the connections. She also hoes by the name Carey Stokes.

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[Other] this woman has ruined the lives of many children and families. I see that she has now retire---that is a blessing. I hope not for physical reasons, but anyone who says"a good rating for every bad" did not read the ratings! Sadly she is incompetent and I think dangerous in that she is nice to one side for one time, then totally changes sides again, causing much damage in

her wake. Rejoicing that she is not on that bench anymore. Does she not realize that she is held to a higher standard? Our case has been a circus, with call outs coming from the "audience" and she evidently enjoys it. Such a sad waste and so much pain in our family's

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[Other] Comment #: AZ758 ----- No not all lost their children leave a comment. I know a lot of litigants that still have their children and still had the worst time with her. I am one.... After HYATT graduated a drug and alcoholic abuser (months before graduation, the drug and alcoholic abuser was arrested for domestic violence). HYATT didnt have any regard for the drug and alcoholic abuser's recent arrest. Since the graduation of the drug and alcoholic abuser, the drug and alcoholic abuser has drank and been arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION, even though HYATT was made know of the drug and alcoholic abuser's lies and deception. The drug and alcoholic abuser will soon lose of of their little time that they have with their children completely, however, HYATT made sure that the drug and alcoholic abuser still had unsupervised visits with their children, even though HYATT knew of an open CPS case against this drug and alcoholic abuser.... HYATT has NO REGARDS for the safety of children. Oh and this drug and alcoholic abuser.. is a MALE... HYATT is very easily tricked by a good laugh and charm... wolf underneath a sheep's skin for sure..

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[Other] Hyatt is ignorant and biased. She makes up her own rules and leaves reason and accountability at the wayside. Most certainly leans in favor of the mother regardless of how much evidence as well as the volumes the mothers actions speak.

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[Other] I can not express enough what damage this woman has done. She took the word of a bipolar ex-mother in law with one conversation and flipped five years of lies and drama caused to my children. The evidence clearly showed the lack of involvement from the father and with the children willing to speak to her about the worst possible situations they have been placed in, the stress they have endured and lack of involvement for the adulterous party involved. I find her to be hateful, I mean truly a hateful individual and with no regards to proof presented to her. I am at a loss for words for what she has done.

270

[Other] Voted Hyatt out today! She has no business in family court. She has damaged families and innocent children's lives. I have watched her in several cases forget what she had said in previous hearings and contradict herself and her decisions. She brought her experience in "drug court" to "family court" and has had parents jumping through hoops of fire just to please her which in turn jeopardized the parents health and violates the privacy between the parent and their physician. She feels she can diagnose individuals as drug addicts rather than leaving it up to the physician who received the years of education receiving their earned title as a doctor. This woman has had no education rather than a bacharlors degree having nothing to do with law or health care. I have never witnessed such a disgrace to the AZ justice system. I pray this

woman is out this next term and moves back to NY. Our families and CHILDREN deserve so much more than a vindictive, uneducated, biased judge. How does this woman sleep at night without any remorse for the children's lives she ruined.

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[Other] Hyatt is the absolute worst. A person can't get any worse if they prayed for worse. Seriously something needs to be done about this woman before she not only destroys the lives of kids but takes their parents' sanity away from them. I can't imagine looking at all the reviews on here and nothing has been done about this woman. What is the purpose of reviews if nothing is going to be done about her behavior. She is super annoying and degrading. I have proof to prove everything in my case but because she did not review the case as she should have she began automatically degrading me and my attorney. She is unjust, unfair and rude. If she could be found at the end of the planet Mars this would be where she should be! How do top notch attorneys, litigants and criminal defense lawyers all say the same thing yet she still sits there on the bench.

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[Other] as the non-contested party, and seeing many judges in our custody matter Hyatt is very biased. She gave the defendant unsupervised visits even though 4 months prior the FC judge specifically set supervised visits for the safety of the children. Even though the defendant only had 4 supervised visits. Then Hyatt ordered that DEF. have an additional hour before any evidential hearing was made in front of FC. FC judge ordered that based on DEF psychological and mental issues that needed to be addressed in trial, that HYATT was NOT to add any more visiting time to DEF. Before the TRIAL happened and once that FC judge rotated out and we got a new FC judge in, HYATT sent an email directly to the NEW judge asking to give her and the DRUG COURT back the right to add additional time to DEF visitation - EVEN THOUGH CPS TESTIFIED IN COURT JUST MONTHS BEFORE STATING THAT DEF SHOULD ONLY HAVE UNSUPERVISED VISITS AND OTHER PROOF OF DOCUMENTATION THAT SHOWS ABUSE FROM DEF. HYATT has railroaded the non-contested party and has sided only for the DEF and not showing any backbone... HYATT is NOT in the best interest of children, only for the paycheck she receives for any "completed" DEF THAT RUNS THROUGH THE PROGRAM

[POSTED THREE TIMES]

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[Litigant] As a party in a law case, I am willing to abide by whatever the judge deems "fair" I am a professional woman as well and am so very discouraged by this judge's actions and mostly her "non-action". During a 3 minute (by the clock) "review hearing", this judge un-did what my attorney and I have worked on for over 3 yrs. Upon asking a follow-up question, this judge HUNG UP ON US mid-sentence!!!

How can the public trust our system when the ones we rely on to make a fair decision, are moody, caustic in their verbiage, and unwilling to address which direction a case is going? How does this judge maintain her position?? My attorney is filing a formal complaint with the court. A decision is one thing, rudeness and "arbitrary" decisions made in haste followed by a quick

"hang acceptable. If this is what our young adults are seeing in the courts, our future is a scary place, as they will never respect an entity that will not even acknowledge their issues before hanging up her phone. I wish my atty had never agreed to a phone follow-up, thought it was easier, less costly. Please, someone do something about this judge--it is the strong belief by this writer that Hyatt has some deep-seated, emotional issues that are dramatically impacting her ability to serve in any way.

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[Criminal Defense Attorney] I have never witnessed a judge act with as much confusion as judge Hyatt. She forgets which side is there for what reason, she had to leave the courtroom last hearing to make copies of a letter that no one received a copy of, then gave us just a couple minutes to digest a complete assessment from a psychology intern. This intern made blatant false statements, his letter was co-signed by his mentor, who we have never even met! If this matter were not so serious to me and to our family, I would think it was some sick joke played, with a camera crew coming out any second! Judge Hyatt is angry most all of the time, and is belittling to both sides with comments such as "I do not feel you are credible" What? I just swore under oath, does that count for nothing? Overall, I cannot imagine that other families are not as frustrated and sickened by the uneducated attitude of this judge. I am not a psychiatrist, but am in the medical field, and I would place a cash bet that this woman is bipolar--all of the signs present. There needs to be some kind of formal investigation.

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[Litigant] I have had the opportunity to be in front of a few different judges. I did not always get the outcome that I wanted, but I always knew that what transpired was justice, even if I didn't like it. With Judge Snyder-Hyatt, I have witnessed her change her mind mid-sentence! I am not an attorney, but I am a well educated woman and do a lot of research before I walk into the courtroom. I've witnessed judge Hyatt become seemingly confused, always changing her mood depending on which side was speaking. I may take something to court to get the "right" answer. In judge Hyatt's court, the answer is the one she feels compelled to decide at the moment. Multiple times I have attempted to Appeal an order only to learn from the Appeals Court that she never signed the original order!! Then I was "punished" for not complying, when I had no chance to appeal, which is my right. I do not know how this woman sits where she does and is allowed to wreak havoc on so many family's lives as she does. If our case is any example of how she conducts anything, I am here to say that this judge had to have "slipped in" unnoticed. I cannot fathom who would appoint her knowing her unpredictable behavior, her outrage and humiliating comments. As a society we take things to court to have them settled amicably. In judge Hyatt's court, nothing is amicable. A therapist that this judge assigned our family to wrote a letter to the court with blatant lies! Judge Hyatt made her decision off of the comments of a psychology student who had never once been lead by his "mentor", as is the protocol. I began to ask a question re: this, and this judge hung up the phone on me! Unbelievable, absolutely unbelievable. I am researching who is responsible for appointing this judge and what the criteria are for appointment. Judge Hyatt's actions give a sour "taste" to anyone who has to be in front of her for anything. I never intend to judge anyone's mental behavior, but her's is out of line with any other person, especially a judge: always erratic,

always emotional, and always belittling---sometimes to me, sometimes to the opposing side--but that does not give me pleasure--I only want justice, not rock throwing.

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[Other] If you have been to court and asked a question you have probably heard "I can not give you any legal advice you will have to consult your attorney". You would hear this from the counter clerks, the help desk, and any judge every single time you ask a question. Hon. Carey Hyatt makes up her own rules. IN FACT she finds it appropriate to point out a parents RIGHTS... Let me rephrase that.. She ORDERS, on paper, that a parent will have the right to file for child support if they do not act within an already unreasonable amount of time as a manipulative tactic to financially encourage the other party through fear of the other parent coming for child support rather than acting as a parent and doing it for your child. Thank you for informing, oh sorry, ORDERING that a parent has the RIGHT to file a petition. Do not know what we would have done without Hyatt giving us permission to do so. If the father was in the same shoes that mother was right now he would be hung out to dry and paying a mortgage if not serving jail time. Instead he is paying for his EX WIFE of 10 YEARS THERAPY after having a court appointed advisor, CPS, a child's counselor and MOUNDS of evidence that mother had endangered child's life and completely abandoned him for 6 months at the time and now on a 14 MONTH HIATUS and avoiding the Therapeutic Interventionist that was ordered in OCTOBER of 2013!!!! Not very fair and based on the last orders, very unprofessional. The system, for fathers at least, is nothing but a hypocrisy and it is DISGUSTING what the child and the father in this situation need to endure while mother is cradled by "Your Honor".

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[Other] In my many observations of Judge Hyatt it is ever present that there are serious issues that should be addressed with her conduct and candor not only as the presiding family court judge but as a representative of our judicial system and our state. It has been observed Judge Hyatt demean and humiliate both sides of family litigation which is completely unnecessary when dealing with such a sensitive subject as divorce and custody. Judge Hyatt has allowed several onlookers/excessive family members crowd the court room during trial which turned a respectful court room in to a three ring circus. Judge Hyatt has been observed stopping a trial while a witness is on the stand and hearing another case over the phone while everyone in the court room could hear the details of the case on the conference call ( which in fact had detailed information regarding alleged sexual abuse). It has been observed her ruling on a case and a month later she was unaware of the ruling. It is concerning to see the inconsistency in her court room climate as well as her personal conduct as the presiding judge.

## 278

[Other] no obvious indication that this "judge" has even been to law school. Many discrepancies in our case, orders not signed, then when questioned this party was given a "punishment" for lack of better term. I tried to appeal a ruling, Appeals Court stated no true ruling w/out a valid signature, could not appeal YET. I brought this up at our "check-in" update hearing over the phone, and was "punished" for not following the original order. I do not wish to manipulate

ANYTHING to change a court decision. I simply want to have it done legally. When questions are raised, this judge is so blatantly disrespectful to one side and not the other. I can handle a court decision, what is wrong here is that this judge does not act normal. She changes her mind often, forgets what happened last hearing (doing her homework? NO) Complete impartiality- other side did not follow her orders for 5 months-NO consequences. My side tried to legally appeal an order, cannot because this judge did not complete the order correctly, then my side is punished for not following order? The law is the law, I am an educated woman also. However, when you are dealing with someone who appears to have serious deficiencies r/t overall court proceedings, something should be done to have her removed from the bench. Now if this person sees my name on a complaint I am certain that I will suffer her wrath--but it is important to me for not only my case, but anyone who is before her. PLEASE do whatever legally can be done to investigate this issue, I plead of whoever is in a position of authority over this issue.

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[Other] As a Family Drug Court Judge, she is very biased and rude to the non testing parent. Promoted the mother to Phase II but refuses to give the non testing parent proof of mother being clean. As in Tasc reports and monthly summaries. You cannot request audio / visual tapes as they do not do that in Family Drug Court nor do they have a court reporter. She & the family drug court coordinator, Judge Gerald Porter recently gave the mother unsupervised visits ! I am a 67 yr old concerned grandmother.

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[Other] She does not belong on the bench. She is the judge in family drug court, and shows no respect for a non-testing party.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] I am shocked that this woman works as a judge -- does she know anything about the law? I'm not an attorney, but I'm an educated person and I am disgusted with the fact that I spent so many hours preparing and it was obvious that she did not read anything that I submitted. Is there any type of recourse for decisions made by her that are ruining the integrity of our family? Any input would be welcome, as I am a wreck. I have an appointment with my own doctor, and I have had a continuous migraine and anxiety attacks since that day in court. It is so sad to prepare for, and then wait anxiously for, a hearing, only to have her make rash decisions that are altering the future of my family.

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[Court staff] After having been in front of this judge several times, I must rate her performance as being very poor. This is evident by the fact that this "trusted official" changes her opinion depending upon who is in the courtroom, and ignores evidence that is not presented properly,

nor shared with all parties. We have to have a referee sometimes, and a judge should hold up the law, be non-biased, and consistent. I have not seen any of these traits in this judge.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Not certain that Ms Hyatt really went to law school or truly understands the law. When presented with the simplest facts and laws she has repeatedly either not evaluated on the law rather taken issues into her "scary" hands and made up her own law. She is not fit to judge. Believe that after reading the below something needs to be done about this judge.

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[Other] Carey Hyatt she be immediately stripped of any power she possesses as she demonstrates daily, the innate inability to use reason, logic or critical thinking processes needed to make decisions. She is most definitely incompetent in every way, shape and form. The worst part is that when she is repeatedly reprimanded, she retaliates on the person filing in a very unjust manner. I can't say enough about how poor this sorry excuse for a judge is and if you don't believe me that power corrupts, just spend 30 minutes in her court room and I guarantee that you r jaw will hit the floor with the things that she does daily. By far the most unprofessional, unjust and uncontrollable loose cannon we have ever given power to.

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[Other] She only listened to one side of the story. She was insulting and unprofessional. She did not even take into consideration anything consiliation services had to say. She needs to be thrown out!

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[Litigant] Judge Hyatt is incompetent and has a major temper problem. she is out of control!

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[Civil Litigation-Private] This Judge has some mental issues! You would think someone screen those judges before appointing them.

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[Other] Judge Carey Hyatt absolutely does not deserve to be reelected! Any relation between her court rulings and Arizona Law is coincidental. She is very bias, demonstrates unacceptable behavior towards people in her courtroom, include yelling and insulting them. She is easily irritated, impatient, and displays an alarming amount of anger. The Arizona Commission of Judicial Conduct has already reprimanded her so clearly she is refusing to change. She is unable to conduct herself with the professionalism and dignity her position, as a court judge, requires.

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[Other] Judge Carey Hyatt is very vindictive who has no regard to the Law! Has some temper problem! I am also reporting her to the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct and hope that this time she will get more than reprimand as she got recently. I hope that for the benefit of all parents the Commission will remove her permanently.

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[Other] I see the other people who write their comments all have similar things to say about how Judge Hyatt is incompetent and vindictive, with her decisions resulting in harm to the lives of children and families. I could never have imagined beforehand that I would have no chance of a fair trial in Judge Hyatt's courtroom, as she generated minute entries and judgment from the authority of her own delusional version of laws and procedures that had nothing in common with actual rules and statutes. I am appealing, and for the sake of other children and good parents who naively trust the system will protect them, I am also reporting her egregious conduct to the commission. I hope they will take action beyond asking her to apologize, like they did this past March, when she was found guilty of losing her temper, and threatening while yelling at a parent in her court.

291

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Multiple concerns in a family case with the fact that the judge did not take the time to read any of the paper work prior to trial. This was suppose to be a continuous on going investigation only to have the mother of the boyfriend who molested a child speak her case. The judge obviously was bias and felt sorry for this parent whom has not shown any concern for her eldest child who was molested by her boyfriend. This is just another reason why CPS gets such a bad rap in Arizona. They do their job only to have a judge say they did a "BAD" job protecting children.

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[Litigant] This judge has no regards to how she influences lives with a stroke of her pen. She takes sides and either gives you everything or is vengeful and gives you nothing. She does not pay attention to the law nor reasonable discussion. She punishes you if you dare challenge to try to explain a position she does not agree with. It is a true shame that someone like her is in control of family cases that affect children.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This Judge is out of control. Has no respect for the law on top of it she is always angry. Often yelling at peoples, accused them for lying with no evidence to support it. Nonprofessional, and should go to temper management before allowed to judge other people. Going through her Court is like gambling. Either you will get everything you ask for, or loose everything and she will make sure you loose

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[Other] This judge obviously lacks knowledge in her department, which in this case is family law. She is unable to distinguish the parties involved. She mixes up names and/or forgets them. She is unable to control her temper and has little regard for professionalism.

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[Other] Her judicial conduct and lack of etiquette and not even reviewing and acknowledging the facts brought before her in the pleadings is disgraceful. While on the family law bench she was in over her head and not willing to learn or grow in her position. She needs some internal guidance from the other judges, she is out of control.

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[Civil Litigation-Private] Based on more than one case: Limited knowledge of the law but her ego won't let her acknowledge it. As a result she refuses to even read pleadings which contradict her position and structures her subsequent rulings to punish the side challenging them. This judge is over her head in commercial litigation and is extremely vindictive.

### **Hon. Michael Kemp**

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[Other] This Judge needs to be voted out. All Judges should let their political leanings be known because he's clearly a Democrat Judge. Why is it not allowed to be revealed an illegal is an illegal and a Mexican gang member? Since when does lack of education not allow one to qualify for the death penalty? That poor clerk in Mesa was shot dead by this scum who Judges want coddled. Disgraceful to the judicial ststem.

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[Other] "An illegal alien gang member accused of murdering 21-year-old Grant Ronnebeck in January 2015 has been deemed ineligible for the death penalty due to his "intellectual disability." Kemp said that Altamirano only has a fifth-grade education and was unable to obtain special education because he grew up in rural Mexico. Last year, Kemp ruled that prosecutors in the case would not be allowed to mention that Altamirano is an illegal alien who has been living in the U.S. for more than 20 years." So anyone who dropped out of school can be deemed "intellectual disability?" They won't have to pay for their crime? A terrible decision for Americans!

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] He's not fit for the bench. His desicion in the gas station killing is deplorable

300

[Litigant] After I filed bankruptcy on attorney fees wrongfully ordered that I pay, Kemp took the kids away from me and gave them to father with no evidence of abuse or neglect on my part. He gave me limited days per years of visitation and ordered I pay so much child support that I lost my home. I appealed him and won the appeal. I had evidence against Father, and when I went to court to present the evidence, he set a hearing before seeing the petition, and opposing party got it all dismissed. He is very biased and incompetent in his decisions, not making decisions that are best for children.

301

[Other] He gives the exact same punishment to every case that runs through his court: 3yrs supervised probation. He always gives the maximum possible probation so the state can collect \$2,412 in 36 payments of \$67. His first degree was business marketing. He is literally a puppet judge.

302

[Other] This judge handled my child custody case two years ago. I'm a dad and went to court against the mother of our child since I did not want our child to be near a family friend on her side of her family. I was confident with all the evidence that I had that I would have full custody of my child especially with my child living in the home of a man who I believed to be at the time as dangerous. This judge made his decision swiftly without taking into consideration anything that me or my attorney said especially since this man had already showed that he was not to be trusted. Guess what, last month, this man was arrested and charged with child molestation, sexual abuse, and showing obscene material to children. This judge should be ashamed for allowing my child to be around this sicko and possibly allowing my child to be abused by this man. I am upset with this dangerous man, but I am more upset with this judge who now has to live with his decision of allowing a child to be supervised by this freak.

**Hon. Ronee Korbin Steiner**

303

[Litigant] One of the rudest, self absorbed judges ever. Not one person, lawyer or otherwise had a good thing to say about her. She is biased and her rulings make no sense. She is condescending and should NOT be a judge.

**Hon. Joseph Kreamer\***

304

[Litigant] Horrible, he has a blatant disregard for welfare of children. Ignores recommendations from court appointed advisor that he himself called on for the case. Allowing a homeless man to exercise 50% parenting time even though the CA said dad was nuts and needs supervised visits. If my children get seriously hurt or killed due to his ruling it will be on this judge

**Hon. Todd Lang**

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[Other] This judge is incompetent and extremely biased. He broke his own court order less than 24 hours after he wrote it. He's an expert at "feeding the court machine" and including the therapist that are contracted through the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners...the one's that don't take insurance and string you along until you loose your home. This judge is a discredit to the few good on'es that are still on the bench... This judge was appointed by Gov. Duecy and was not elected.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Judge Lang has displayed a level of incompetence like no other. He has brought discredit to his office and those that have elected him. He is totally clueless to family law and societal trends. His decisions are based on his expressed feelings, often ignoring admitted 3rd party evidence, the law, and his own oral and written orders.

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[Other] Judge Lang ignored or forgot a stipulated agreement between parties, which he agreed to and instead inserted the customary co-pay/tax deduction language in his Minute Order, three months later. Had to spend \$1,565.00 in atty fees to Vacate his language and enter the Stipulated Agreement Nunc Pro Tunc. He also ignored most of the evidence regarding the Therapeutic Interventionist's report which was incomplete; biased against Respondent; and contrary to factual evidence

**Hon. Kerstin LeMaire\***

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] If you can't uphold the laws or follow the rules of procedures you aren't doing your job as a judge. Typically people get fired for not doing their job but hey judges are above the laws and rules and they know it. So no accountability leads to crap judges like this one. Wonder who got paid off... or how much someone paid her for ruling in their favor.

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[Litigant] A judge who doesn't follow the Laws of the State, the Constitution, or the Rules of Procedure. She pay no attention to the facts, gives legal advise from the bench, doesn't remain impartial, and is hands down a disgrace and needs to be removed from the bench. I advise anyone who's been a victim of her bias and lack of doing her job to file a complaint with the judicial commission. I did and although it didn't end with a public censorship but at least a warning was issued. This judge plays dirty and for whatever reason has a thing against women and gives children to the abuser and punished the parent trying to protect the child. She can't get facts right even when spelled out for her and then contradicts herself in her rulings versus what ACTUALLY happened. Run and get a new judge as quickly as possible. This woman is

horrible and since she's a divorced mother herself I wonder what bias she's letting roll over into her rulings.....

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[Litigant] Worst

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[Litigant] This judge does not read pretrial statements nor evidence. She is very temperamental. She is dangerous and prejudice. She does not care about wellbeing of minority kids. She was handpicked by my ex lawyer because they have both worked on criminal trials since my ex lawyer works for the government. This judge is on the records for the way she was shouting at me, being threatening and flat out rude and temperamental. I really need suggestion hiw to appeal my decree that she overturned in 15 minutes without a trial.

312

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] There is nothing " honorable" about this judge. She has a stigma against strong women. Sad that a strong woman would purposely live to crush other women. If you are a strong woman, I would suggest finding another judge if you can. She is lazy, un-wise, and erroneous on many levels.

313

[Litigant] As parent who is currently fighting to appeal a order that this judge has made with lack of substantial evidence. I suggest if you are representing yourself request for a change of judge or lawyer up. And as for anyone else file a formal complaint within the court system and provide evidence to show her injustice. I do wonder if everyone representing themselves is a Minority and or women. if this judge is completely bias we all may have a civil law suit on our hands.

314

[Litigant] Did not review case files, completely relied on false testimony of ex. Disregarded CPS information and penalized me for daring to stand up to my abuser. Financially destroyed me and facilitated more abuse of myself and my child. This woman has no ability to determine the best interest of a child and has placed the child firmly in the hands of our abuser, with no recourse. I wish she could see the havoc she has created.

315

[Litigant] Completely unfair, doesn't read through any documents, felt sorry for the other party even know the other parent tried killing my child and continuously torture her. She accused me of not co parenting even know She has an extensive amount of evidence of The other parent continuously refusing to work with me, my child or anyone and even know the

other parent said it in court that He won't do anything. She still saying I have the same amount of responsibility to make co parenting work. All I Saw was injustice non stop.

316

[Litigant] The judge completely disregarded information provided. She ignored the testimony of one side and took incomplete documentation as evidence. She granted custody to a parent that admitted to using drugs and refused to provide a mailing address. The judge was completely biased and there is no logical reasoning behind her decision. If you get this judge, try your best to get a new one!

317

[Other] I watched her destroy my friend's life based on a technicality. Her ex husband is a narcissist and his attorney was easily able to manipulate this judge. This judge imposed ruthless sanctions on my friend without an ounce of empathy on how it would affect her or her children. Her ex refuses to pay for activities, and will never pay for their college or weddings in the future, although my friend would have. But this judge ruthlessly awarded her ex an astronomical amount of money based on missing a deadline even though her ex missed the same deadline. Her ex was not punished nor did the judge stand my the decree that the prior judge had made. She could have easily enforced the decree and do the right thing so that BOTH of them would have a fair fresh start , yet she utterly went straight for the attack on my friend for no apparent reason then being frustrated with my friend's lack of funds to afford an attorney and having to represent herself. She was impatient and lacked empathy throughout the entire hearing and decided that destroying someones life is perfectly not something that should be carefully weighed but easily done without consideration or with a struggle of conscious. This was not an asset that needed to be divided. These were SANCTIONS. In other words PUNISHMENT to the other party because she and her ex could not come to a mutual decision on one of the aspects of the finances. Instead of realizing that BOTH were in contempt and sanctions were not a fair way to settle the situation she took the easy way out and decided to choose the person she did not like to suffer needlessly. How can a judge me so merciless? I feel so bad for my friend that this happened to her and totally didn't have to. Her narcissist ex "won" the argument that if you have enough money for countless attorneys you will destroy the other party and the court system will support you. God help anyone who is not in this judge's personal favor.

318

[Litigant] Most incompetent judge I have had! Run, run run from this judge!!

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This judge misuses her power. She does and will use her power to devastate you without considering what is reasonable and fair. She does not read the decree thoroughly or apply it fairly to both parties. She does not listen thoroughly or give each party a fair amount of time to explain their position. Change judges immediately should she be assigned to you, or lawyer up immediately if you are stuck with her. She is truly heartless.

Hopefully by posting this I will saved even ONE of you the disastrous outcome that I have gotten by having her as my judge.

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[Other] Very lax on reviewing notes on testimonies and does not detail her rulings. She does not have patience for people who defend themselves and favors attorney represented clients. She does not care to make sure both sides are heard and is not intuitive or able to see through people. If you receive her as your judge, try to get a different one!!

321

[Other] Completely disregarded testimony, witness information and psychological aspects of case. Made up mind before she walked in, and took forever to create rulings.

322

[Litigant] I would agree with the comment of AZ1756!  
She has no concern in listening to both parties equally if you don't have an attorney. She doesn't take her time reviewing all matters at hand! She comes into court with her mind made up!

323

[Litigant] Has no concern in listening to both parties equally. Very apathetic and unconcerned in reviewing a case carefully before forming an opinion.

**Hon. Margaret R. Mahoney**

324

[Private Litigation-Civil] Judge Mahoney is biased, not fair, does not listen to facts as they should be applied by law, made an unfavorable comment about another judge who is far superior to her which was very unprofessional. Look at her track record for being overturned on appeal.

**Hon. Daniel Martin\***

325

[Litigant} His experience proves him to be incapable of discernment as he apparently sees litigation as nothing more than relativistic activity that he generally just prefers to just maintain status quo under any circumstances. He's a good judge to those already having status, money, and many attorneys. Can't see an apple for just being an apple because there's so many qualities to an apple that he'd rather defer to in order to avoid declaring it so. No discernment.

**Hon. Crane McClellan**

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[Other] sad he gets his pension and retired , a real show boat , he is suppose to know the law but ignores it . which is really sickening for someone to have the power but does not apply himself , just sit on his butt and collect paychecks now retirement . jerk !

327

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] lazy did not read the transcript of study the case. IS a short stop for the state, horrible. nasty . biased . not one case he heard was against the state. NUT case, should not be allowed to judge anyone. He has many complaints officially !!! a real piece of work. I hope he has a severe medical problem in his retirement , he does not deserve to have the money he is getting to live on . Ruined careers , a real bastard judge!

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] cannot find a case where he ruled against the state!! that is APPEAL judge? pompous , demeaning to woman , should never be on the bench !

**Hon. Scott McCoy**

329

[Civil Litigation – Private] Does not read pre-trial briefs carefully. Requires issues to be orally argued even after briefs are filed, then issues rulings that defy AZRFLP. When MFR are filed, has difficulty with being questioned on his ruling then can become one sided. I have been before him on 3 differing instances in family court. I always advise seeking a change in judges if sent before him. One ruling overturned on appeal. He recused himself when the case was remanded.

**Hon. C. Steven McMurray**

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[Civil Litigation-Private] He told the parties at the end of the trial that they would have his decision within two weeks. It has now been eight weeks and still no decision. Bad judge.

**Hon. Joseph Mikitish\***

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] the mikdish has to be one of the worst judges he never made any decisions on my case in for years and when he was a trial instead of making the decision he ran I believe and feel strongly he should not be allowed on the peels case or cases will drag on for years like a T-Rex like a

332

[Other] Mr Mikitish is a Horrible family court judge. Unprepared and late to the courtroom at every proceeding We ever went to. This guy is the definition of a Liberal loon . Decides which laws he want s to follow and which ones he doesn't. In our experience with him He waits the entire 60 days before He makes a ruling and from His rulings it's pretty clear he doesn't remember anything from the courtroom. He is completely incompetent and has no clue on what he is ruling on. Another life long POS , lazy state employee. I know We voted him out in November too bad more people didn't.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This judges rulings have destroyed my daughters life and mine. He put my daughter back into a home with my x, where she has been molested, he uses and sells drugs, and where she is neglected.On top of it, has taken all my rights away as a mother, when i have done nothing wrong, and always provided a safe and loving enviornment for my daughter. I'm baffled!!!!!! This is a nightmare!!! I dont know what to do, for I don't have much money. This judge is the worst I've ever heard of. What a shame. I was hoping to get help from the judicial system to help me protect my 7 year old daughter, and instead, he ruined her life, mine, and my ability to be a strong supportive, protecting parent.

334

[Other] At first I felt Mikitish was a fair and decent judge as he made rulings based upon testimonies and facts presented in the courtroom and he made a fair ruling on visitation and such in my case. (no I did not get everything I asked for, but it was fair to my son) However, he made rulings in my case and has had zero follow through in enforcing them. not little things either, like drug testing and stuff that has put my son in direct danger. If you have this judge make sure you request in the court room that any rulings have clear guidelines, deadlines and consequences that you can get results from.

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[Other] Judge Militish is inept as a Family Law judge. He lacked attention to detail even with overwhelming evidence and showed total disregard for the best interest of the minor children.

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[Other] The worst judge ever to be on a bench.

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[Other] Comments relating to Judge Mikitish are consistent and accurate. Pre-trial exhibits and evidence "lost " by court = "Dog ate my homework". Ignored admissions by other party, disregarded evidence. His rulings are from left field. If you get him as judge you might as well pay a deaf mute to represent you because this judge does not listen to or see what is presented in court anyway. Horrible disservice to court system.

338

[Civil Litigation-Private] What a religious nut job he is!! He needs to go be a priest instead of a judge. He sucks as a family court judge. Lazy and unprepared when he enters the courtroom. He is always running late and waits until the last possible minute to rule on a case. This guy sucks the system sucks another lifelong , lazy, do the bare minimum state employee. And i won the case!!! Ask any Lawyer and they will tell you he is terrible. Get out of his playroom if you can.

339

[Litigant] How in the world did this guy become a judge???? Thanks a lot Jan Brewer. This moron has no clue on family law. The respondent in our case blatantly filed false paperwork and had numerous flat out lies on his paperwork. Lied in court and was caught and called out by Petitioner in court and this Moron could care less. Makes his own rules as he goes changes things in court orders that were not even addressed in court. Does anybody know if there is anything we can file to complain about this guy and his complete lack of family court knowledge? This man is a disgrace to the judicial system...

340

[Litigant] This guy is seriously more than physically handicapped. No knowledge of family law whatsoever. All he knows is environmental law, which obviously does not translate to family law, unless you are married to a tree. This guy was former president of the St. Thomas More Society in phoenix, so if you are not religious, if you are gay, or pro-choice, then forget about winning, because he has an agenda. He is on way to many non profit boards to be able to spend ample time on his case load. He has aids, and assistants trying to do his work for him, and so there are MANY "corrections" nunc pro tunc of "clerical" errors, as he calls them. If you see your case assigned to this guy- run, don't walk to the nearest exit, and motion for a new judge. No matter who else you get, now, since Snyder-Hyatt has retired, you will still be better off. This judge is currently attempting to put a child back into the home of a child molester, because of his same-sex bias. Seriously- religious zealot!!!!!! Read the other postings!

341

[Litigant] He is a terrible Judge. He does not prepare for court at all and gets angry when you question his lack of preparation. He also does not read any filings, motions and notes he makes in court. He does not follow the law and tries to make it up as he goes.

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[Other] Run... the other direction... fast as you can! Former president of the St. Thomas More Society as recent as 2013. Unknowable in family law and DOES NOT READ any of the case prior to coming into the courtroom. He seems to be too busy with his "other" activities (board appointments and what not).

343

[Other] His lack of knowledge in family law really shows. His rulings clearly show He doesn't even look at the evidence presented in trial. I guess that's what you get from an environmental lawyer who gets appointed to be a family court judge. Joseph Mikitish has no business being a family court judge. Like the other post said his rulings when you read them sound like an attorney not a judge.

344

[Other] Mr Mikitish has made numerous mistakes in his rulings costing me Thousands of dollars in Attorney Fee's to file paperwork to have his orders corrected and refile motions to have issues that he either didn't address or were just flat out wrong. So basically it took almost 2 full years to get Child support raised to the appropriate amount and have the arrears paid. Cost us \$6000 in Attorneys fee's to get this accomplished. His ruling was to have other party pay \$3000 as a purge and gave other party 3 yrs to pay back the other \$4000 in arrears. Although everything we filed was legit and other party was found in contempt our efforts to get Attorneys fee's awarded have been denied 3 times. He never made other party provide tax returns Mr Mikitish just came up with a Salary that was even less than the W-2s other party provided. Mikitish also awarded other party 3 out of 4 yrs to claim child on his taxes (when he doesn't pay CS and is in the arrears thousands of \$\$ every yr) this tax issue wasn't even addressed in court Mr Mikitish took it upon himself to make the change. Mr Mikitish has shown to be very incompetent and we will do all we can to get this case out of his courtroom.

345

[Other] He seems to be short-tempered; he is still new to the process and it shows through in the cases that he handles, along with his inaccurate paperwork. He handles cases as an attorney instead of as a judge.

**Hon. Scott Minder**

346

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] [redacted by Ed.] I was not granted my appeals case that I wanted because of him I lost to civil cases lawsuit because Scott minder kick me out of the courthouse I am no longer allowed to be inside the courthouse or I get it accorded by the sheriff's department for no reason and he has been able to get away with that his misconduct has cost me to lawsuit for what reasons none being fraudulent

**Hon. Rosa Mroz\***

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[Civil Litigation-Private] Judge Mroz is rude and will cut you off. Is not even-handed or impartial. She has no understanding of deeper principles of justice and how to apply the law to effect justice. She does not think academically and hyper-focuses on one issue, not seeing

the bigger picture. She has ZERO compassion. She is very agendist. If she is appointed to handle your case, FILE A NOTICE TO CHANGE JUDGE AS A MATTER OF RIGHT!

348

[Civil Litigation-Private] A Janet Napolitano appointee, she is very agendist. She cares about her political agenda issues more than the law. She once had counsel in chambers as the respondent had admitted in pleadings to being an illegal immigrant, having three pieces of real property in AZ, AHCCCS benefits, fake social, etc. Mroz said that she did not want to end up on the 5:00 news and asked if counsel for respondent would like to withdraw the pleading. Another time, on a criminal matter, she just completely failed to see a very straight-forward issue in a motion to suppress evidence, where the police admitted that they did not have probable cause to enter a young mother's home. Police, without probable cause admitting that there was no reason to enter the house, entered the home, kicked in a door inside the house, rounded up the children and interrogated them. Young mother had to plead to a class 6 undesignated felony, but the police were admittedly wrong. Judge should "get it" but she sided with law enforcement. Classic fruit of the poisonous tree, and there was no case against mother. Forced mom to enter plea agreement unnecessarily. Don't trust Mroz' reasoning ability.

349

[Other] Doesn't actually read through all documents as a judge always should when making decisions. Seems very one-sided.

**Hon. Karen Mullins**

350

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Her ruling to remove the child from her mother after the father missed almost 5 years of visits is insane. Who sends a child to California to live in poverty.

351

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] The legislators that appointed her to this position need to be removed from office!

352

[Other] I sat through a murder trial where the jury came up with a Guilty verdict. Judge Mullins overturned the verdict. If the reasoning she used is what caused the overturn, this case couldn't have gotten to trial in the first place. It's as though she ignored all the evidence, ignored the jury, and, for some reason, decided to come up with her own conclusions. Nothing in her rationale was mentioned during the trial...in fact the opposite was presented. Judge Mullins doesn't seem to be familiar with murder trials.

**Hon. Sam Myers\***

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[Litigant] Judge Myers did not listen to the facts in our case and ruled contrary to the best interests of our child. His decision did not follow the AZ State Parenting Time Guidelines as he ordered the most extreme parenting plan, which was not recommended for high conflict cases, such as ours. The other side also had failed to comply with the rules of court and had not taken all required classes despite being the petitioner.

While Judge Myers was polite and behaved appropriately, his decision will have long-term impact on a child by failing to adequately provide for his developmental needs during hte early stages of life.

354

[Litigant] He did not read the exhibits or the documents for a review hearing, and the lady who introduced him stated this. I feel that if he would've read the documents, my case would have proceeded differently. I am, overall, unhappy with Judge Myers's performance, due to his failure to familiarize himself with my case. Another girl that I spoke to in a Co-Parenting class stated the exact same thing, and her ex got more time with her kid, who was not a part of his life for the first two years.

355

[Civil Litigation-Private] This Judge does not read the caselaw, and is not well prepared. I foresee many appeals and remands in his future.

356

[Civil Litigation-Private] Did not understand the issues presented. Ruled without argument in a complex case. Appeared to have done nothing to educate himself regarding new case law; I'm not even sure that he read the cases cited.

**Hon. Benjamin Norris\***

357

Worst judge in the history of Maricopa county. Ruined our lives forever. Clearly has an issue with women. See other comments that say the same thing as well. Unfit to be making decisions in families lives. I wish I could personally sue him for the permanent damaged he has caused myself and my children. Good riddance.

358

[Other] Horrible Judge who added additional rules no one ever asked for. Devil, heartless animal.

359

[Civil Litigation-Private] Absolute Horrible Judge. Recently removed from the Bench (first time in 30 years). Doesn't like Women and is very outspoken and rude during court. Does not know or follow the law!

360

[Litigant] This judge was the worst judge in the entire state of Arizona. The only judge to be kicked off the bench in 38 years. But it was way too late for thousands of families that came through his court. He has ruined many lives. He sent children to live with their abusive father so "he could bond with them better, even though he knew they would be TRAUMATIZED". He used the word traumatized several times. It was an awful thing, and really did traumatize the children. Another judge is now reversing what judge Norris did, but not before the damage had been done. Thank God he is gone, he got what he deserved.

361

[Litigant] Got booted out in last election, but not soon enough to help my case, which he completely botched.

**Judge Karen O'Connor\***

362

[Other] This Judge is one of the worst Judges you can find. She violates the rights of every defendant. She denies their motions and moves the court without letting defendants present their evidence. There have been numerous case where she denied defendants their rights trial.

**Hon. Erin O'Brien Otis**

363

[Litigant] This judge failed to consider hard facts in the case and made an emotional decision. It's not easy being a single father but when the courts consistently rule against fathers ( not the first time ), the system is more than flawed. As a matter of opinion, I would avoid involving the courts if possible.

**Hon. Robert Oberbillig**

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[Private Litigation-Civil] Warning -- Judge Oberbillig is extremely hostile to free speech issues and is very anti-First Amendment. If you have a case involving defamation or similar claims, and you represent the defense, you should immediately file a Notice of Change of Judge.

**Hon. Jose Padilla\***

365

[Other] He was the family court judge in my case eight years ago. I can't believe he is still on the bench.

366

[Litigant] An absolute joke of a judge take everything you have ever heard bad about the legal system roll it up and you would create Judge Padilla. Doesn't listen to facts that are presented finds one focuses on that and doesn't hear anything else. Also displays no professionalism in the courtroom.

367

[Other] You will not get my vote. You are not thinking of the children in the Simcox case. You are suppose to be protecting them and you are making the situation worse. What if these were your children???

368

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] and being in an attorneys pocket is a good point. My first attorney was a good personal friend to the judge. At first my attorney made me think this would be to my benefit; he truly told me so. Of course I didn't want anything that wasn't fair, but it was good news to hear that they might be on the same page as far as ethics. My attorney ended up dropping my case because I had issue with him not filing things on time OR even presenting a settlement offer from the other side. I NEVER saw this offer because he said he "forgot" to forward it! It was the difference of me keeping my house and having my young son for a larger percentage of time which was very important to me as my husband admitted to needing to quit his pill problem that made him feel uncontrollable anger. these things did not carry through because my attorney dropped the ball on my entire case, filed nothing, not even responses or trial position....nothing. this was a top notch, high dollar attorney that did 2 hours of work within 2 months time. My anger for the situation and with the opposing attorney trying to hold me in contempt for non compliance and asking for sanctions...I felt like it was the twilight zone. the attorney dropped my like a hot potato and the judge didn't grant me a continuance to allow me proper time to prepare with a new attorney that would comply with rules. My attorney left me hanging and his judge friend let him out with me hanging not knowing what to do. I still have not recovered from the cost of this and trying to undo the harm and declare terms that were never discussed due to lack of time during the trial. a very humiliating experience and my young son's personality has completely changed due to the awesome default policy of 50/50 parenting. btw, how many men have you seen working in daycare centers ever? male teachers...later in youth life....yes. but in a young child's life... matronly nurturing is essential! here's another question: how many out there would have been happy to live with their fathers equal time to their mothers when they were young children? ONCE AGAIN..maybe when he is older. but young children need their mothers more...even men know this but the court system seems to think it is an injustice to men to not allow 50/50. most of these men that get the

50/50 solicit the new women in their lives to take over the matronly responsibility to their children while under their care. yah, this is a GREAT

369

[Other] Walked into court room announcing a seminar he'd been to, and advised everyone that 50/50 custody would be his first ruling--then said he wanted to conclude the high school issue quickly. Our attorney had to inform him the case in front of him was for a child under 10. He got huffy about his mistake, but said it didn't matter. 50/50 was it no matter what. Father presented evidence, and contradicted his own evidence several times under oath--yet Padilla ruled in favor of father without even looking at documents already in evidence proving father was perjuring himself. He didn't care. Because parents couldn't agree on the school child should attend, judge ordered child not to attend school in either parent's neighborhood, and in fact a school rated worse than the one in parent's neighborhood. He didn't seem to put the child's best interests first. Retroactively ordered child support paid to father 6 months earlier than the time father had custody of child, despite the fact he hadn't even paid for daycare or anything during that time. He'd let the kid starve or get a lousy education while at the same time appearing to be in an attorney's pocket.

370

[Litigant] interesting on comment az672. in my experience Padilla USED the threat of CPS and said he would call them to take my child away from both parents if I did not change my mind with my testimony of chronic pill abuse by my ex (who admitted in writing that it contributes to his anger and wanting to 'hit') yes, he actually threatened me with CPS, left the courtroom for 5 minutes, until I recanted my written evidence that I had in effort of not wanting a 50/50 split with my son's other parent and requesting a drug test before switching to a 50/50. this judge just believes that no matter what, no matter how abusive, or unstable one parent is over another, it makes no difference. he truly believes that there is more harm to a child without both parents being 50/50 than it is harmful for the child to be subjected to a harmful situation. I'm sorry, but the same reason why divorce may actually be better for some children is the same reason that an equal parenting time and legal decision making authority just doesn't make sense to be equal. google this judge and find a case where he did not allow a woman to leave the state with her young son after reporting drug abuse when she already had sole custody. two weeks after the judge's refusal, the father killed the child, and then himself. there has got to be a case by case basis to listen rather than apply cookie cutter ethics. by the way, he also made a joke about domestic violence in the "old ages" in open court! everybody just looked around thinking that they didn't really hear what they just heard.

371

[Litigant] Why is this man still practicing? He does not listen to expert testimony. He discards all but what he wants to hear. Rules on a whim. Places children in danger. He is a disgrace and should be disbarred.

372

[Litigant] I had a very bad experience with Judge J. Padilla. My ex is very abusive, that he had commit a domestic violence in the last year and may commit in future, that I had a two order of protection against him and he kicked out me with two children to the Domestic violence shelter. Also he had a history of child abuse with evidence. Right now my ex is totally against any treatment or medications from Pediatric Doctor, child had return after his parenting time with the Pneumonia a several times in the critical condition without any treatment been provided. The child only 3 years old and on this point is extremely dangerous for the child life and heath, but this Judge does not go to change anything based on the my Modify. All my Modify Judge had denied even when my ex, he a respondent wasn't present on the hearing, and no one was present for his matter, my ex doesn't have an attorney either. So my concern this Judge for some point has related with other party, in this case with my ex

373

[Litigant] This judge does not want to hear anything. I submitted several exhibits, but I was still ordered to cover health insurance for an ex-wife & two non-biological kids. He also let my ex-wife submit paperwork the day of our hearing, without following the proper rule of 15 days prior. He is unfair and unethical, and needs to be removed!

374

[Litigant] The comments that I still read and receive notifications about regarding this judge are unbelievable. Is nobody paying attention? Or are not enough people paying attention, such as attorneys, or court staff? This is not just a matter of sour grapes over rulings. This is about the outright abuse of power by this judge. He is obviously pro-father, no matter what the circumstances. Apparently you can leave a two-year-old home alone, beat your wife, or be on drugs, or be M.I.A. for your child's entire life thus far. No matter, you are male and you have a God-given right to have complete access to your son. This judge threatened to call CPS on me in the middle of court to have my child taken away, because I did not claim that my ex had a drug problem earlier. This judge said that if I did not recant my testimony and claim that there was no issue with drugs, then he would call CPS on me right then and there, and I had five minutes to change my decision. He came back into the courtroom, and I did what I felt I was blackmailed into in order to protect my son from further damage. (By the way, this came after testimony and proof that my ex beat me and was arrested.) This judge then made a sickening joke about how to get away with beating your wife. Is anybody listening? Does he have some kind of diplomatic immunity or something? What gives?

375

[Litigant] Judge Padilla has no concerns that minor girls are with a convicted and registered sex offender. There has never been any evidence to show that he is safe with them. The B.I.A. outright lies, and Judge Padilla refuses to listen to hard evidence.

### 376

[Litigant] As with others, if I could give this judge a zero rating, I would. He does not care about the facts in the case, is pro-father regardless of the situation, and is completely unethical. My son's father bullied me mercilessly, lied in court documents, and filed things incorrectly -- yet Judge Padilla gave him everything he wanted: 50/50 parenting time, not allowing me to move my son to a much better school, not assigning a parenting coordinator to the case, etc. I am completely angry that someone like this continues to sit on the bench, making decisions about children's lives.

### 377

[Litigant] He is an absolute disgrace of a judge. My son's father and his family lied to his face, put on a show the entire time, and Judge Padilla sucked it all up. When I would tell him how my son was left alone at his father's house, Judge Padilla laughed at me and said that "it happens." My son was two years old when this happened. I'm Hispanic, so it's obviously not a race issue. He just flat out does not care. I had countless negatives against my ex to get full custody and all Judge Padilla did was shrug his shoulders at me. My ex even tested positive for drugs and his mother tested positive for alcohol, and the judge supposedly didn't see it. Isn't this paperwork you deal with all the time? I'm sure he knows what he's looking for; he's a sad excuse of a person.

### 378

[Other] I was not represented by an attorney and I am fighting for custody of my 4-year-old son, who has lived with me his entire life without his father being involved at all, and all of a sudden the father wanted 50/50 custody and overnights. Judge Padilla granted it regardless of the emotional damage it could cause my son because he does not know this person at all! He told me that reunification was not necessary and that my son was only 4 years old and to "give him a cookie and he'd be fine." Like that supposedly makes up for everything and not knowing him at all! Judge Padilla is a crock and unfair!

### 379

[Litigant] Rated as a "1" because zero was not an option. This judge had the case decided without my testimony; in fact, he did not allow me to testify. Whether his bias was due to my being a custodial father, a white man, or that I was representing myself is unknown, but he has destroyed any faith I had in the legal system. He allowed the opposition's attorney to testify for her client, though not under oath, and believed her lies even though she outwardly contradicted herself. There are many fine and fair judges in Maricopa County; unfortunately, this judge is one that should look at himself in the mirror and voluntarily step down. He has no business presiding over court cases. Judges are supposed to be fair and impartial, weighing facts and guiding the hearing through its steps. I have never been so wronged by anyone in my life.

380

[Other] Why is he still on the bench in family court? He already has his mind made up before he even hears the case. 50/50 no matter what, no matter the danger to the mother. Move him back to probate or building permits. He is anti-woman and pro-father, it's just that simple. Another Dawn A. is about to happen.

381

[Litigant] This judge doesn't take children's interests into account in that they benefit from their grandparents' love and attention after their mother died. He is totally biased in favor of the father's rights.

382

[Litigant] Does not understand domestic violence. Biased against mothers. Does not protect children.

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[Other] He doesn't take domestic violence seriously and doesn't protect children.

384

[Litigant] Words cannot express my dislike for this person. He was not only professional, biased and in cahoots with certain attorneys. I cannot wait to appeal my case and file complaints against this judge. He will not get away with his unfair/unjust rulings that he throws out while playing on the internet. Horrible communication, totally inconsistent, in a hurry. I had custody of my daughter and her father has lists and lists of negatives against him including a negative report by a psychologist that he lied to. Judge Padilla court ordered this limited scope evaluation and then didn't even take their recommendation (in my favor) into consideration. My daughter's father lied to the face of the Psychologist and wrote "N/A" to an ESSAY question we were told was important and to answer with detail. Judge Padilla clearly does not know how to be a judge and is going with the easy choice. I will spend the rest of my life making sure this is made right, no matter what it takes. Totally sickened.

385

[Litigant] REGARDING FAMILY COURT Hon. Padilla is unorganized and not prompt in reviewing filed documents. Hearing Meeting/Court Minutes are not filed as promptly. The list is endless and I can likely file a complaint with the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

386

[Civil Litigation-Private] Expect the unexpected; rules from emotion, due process not his strong suit.

387

[Other] The most unethical judge i have ever come across.

**Hon. David Palmer\***

388

[Civil Litigation-Private] This judge makes horrible rulings and seemingly has no regard for the Rules of Civil Procedure. He lets parties get away with just about anything. Very concerning.

389

[Other] This judge makes the most outrageous rulings based on what he knows to be falsehoods .

He also has the misconception that lawyers are for a clients "best interest " . He does not allow DG or due process and is afraid of being accused of being "conspiratorial" .

He cannot string a full sentence together and his favorite court room word is "sure" ,but for the state only . He has conducted on the spot hearings without notice and also conducted exparte meetings with the aag on specific cases

390

[Other] He didn't pay any attention to what was said, and refused to base any of his decisions on the law.

**Hon. Jay Polk\***

391

Polk looked up information outside the record presented to him and incorporated it in his ruling. This is a violation of judicial ethics.

392

[Other] Does not look at evidence presented to him, nor does he abide by the best interest of the children ARS 25-403

**Hon. Gerald Porter**

393

[Other] He allowed my ex's lawyer scream at me and then did not look at the documents provided to him. I could not get a word in. That is abuse. Well Judge GI Joe took the money and ran. He was not military as he claimed. He also refused his mail for over 8 months, as he tried to push through his pre approved agreement. Well he took the money you court ordered out of the US so I got retirement money I cannot use. This judge needs to recalled.

394

[Civil Litigation-Private] Neither Judge Porter or his staff respond to requests; calls, letters or otherwise. Overall, he simply doesn't communicate what he plans on doing, what he's doing or what his expectations are. He should not be on the bench.

395

[Other] This judge does not remember cases in front of him. He mixes up facts and does not know the facts of the case. He is biased and makes his ruling before evidence is presented to him. He uses outside opinions to sway his judgement. He does not belong in Family Court where children are involved. He is insensitive, abusive and does whatever he wants in his courtroom even if it does not follow statute. I agree with the comment below as well. We have also had to order transcripts because he says one thing and then totally contradicts himself. Do not plan on getting a fair trial with this judge.

396

[Other] Very biased , favors the mother, says one thing in open court, but in rules totally different. A shame that you feel like you have to order a transcript of proceedings after listening / watching the audio visual recording. He increases the cost of litigation. He should not be in Family Court where children's lives are at stake. I do not recommend him at all. I am a 67 yr old concerned grandmother

**Hon. John C. Rea**

397

[Civil Litigation-Private] Appears to be pro per dad friendly, and not willing to enforce even his own orders despite blatant disregard for such by litigant.

**Hon. Michael Reagan**

398

[Other] Very very bad. Hates pro se and is in tremendous haste - mostly wrong judgments.

**Hon. Elizabeth Rogers**

399

[Other] This Judge does did not allow me an appearance in her courtroom. She ruled without even looking at info I brought forward. Should not be allowed to sit on the bench.

## **Judge Emmet Ronan**

400

While working as a public defender, he outraged hundreds of families with disabled children by attempting to blame a horrific case of child abuse on an innocent Down-Syndrome sibling. He was quickly reassigned by the governor's office to the bench. However, from the bench, he frequently ignored the recommendations of his own appointed experts, guardian ad litem, and professionals, to the detriment of families and their children. One of the WORST judges in the state's history, particularly for children and family rights.

401

[Litigant] He ruled against me as a sanction because I did not show up at a status conference. I did not respond to a motion for judgment on the pleadings because it was not pled correctly. The motion was based on the fact I had not shown up to some status conferences and it had nothing to do with the subject matter of the complaint. These judgments now follow me, and I have lost my real estate license over them. He is incompetent in complex litigation.

402

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Judge Ronan is the most corrupt judge in the Criminal Court. He violates your civil rights and sentences you for crimes you didn't commit. Completely biased towards defendants and believes lies from supposed victims.

## **Hon. Jeffrey Rueter\***

403

[Other] He was bored, annoyed and acted as if he had somewhere else to be. He was awful!

## **Hon. Keith Russell**

404

[Litigant] I think he's biased, doesn't follow court procedures, rules or the laws regarding the state of Arizona. He ignores relevant facts and mandatory procedures in favor of businesses and attorneys he sees in his courtroom a lot. He overlooks perjury, lawyer misconduct, unethical behaviors, and false and misleading statements from attorneys. First judge I've ever met that violates the law, the rights of all parties involved are not fair or impartial.

## **Hon. Timothy Ryan\***

405

[Other] Do not come on here and make comments. He reads these comments and it affects the outcome of your case. It cost me everything. I crossed him when he was in a bad mood he kept screaming at me to shut up he had me removed from the courtroom when I made valid points that he had made errors we were in a telephonic conference I was trying to ask him for a

moment to put my hearing aids and and he hung up on me and found in my ex-wife's favor he had made a gigantic error on my original child support order. It took almost two years to get it fixed I was dodging warrants and jumping from job to job I kept writing letters but he ignored me. It totally ruined my life. And then when he fixed it finally he yelled at me for not following proper process procedure to fix his mistake.

This is most definitely not in the best interest of the child.

To bankrupt the father.

It destroys her home. Think about it I was running from warrants over a math error...

And then I was chastised for pointing it out to him that he had made a colossal error then when my ex-wife realized he hated me she took that and ran with it. Now I think about suicide every single day. Thanks judge Ryan.

406

[Litigant] He gave a man custody after finding him guilty of significant dv and multiple counts of child abuse and blamed it on the woman. He was very insulting toward the victim/ protective mother.

407

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Judge Ryan is bias to men. He bullies them on the stand. His disregard to people with a disability is mind blowing. He is one side, never listens to both sides. His only side is what his court minions tell him. Judge Ryan doesn't look at the facts or evidence everything is based on heresy. This Judge needs to be removed ASAP or it will your children he takes from you next

408

[Other] Judge Ryan could simply care less that innocent children are being placed in the hands of a person with a long history of domestic violence. The law says significant domestic violence would prevent the other parent from having joint custody. 50/50 is simply not for a father who doesn't even care for a child. My child is returned to me sick every other visit, hair undone (horrible for a little girl's self esteem). Scarring on her little bottom.....doctors say not definitive. But I know he over does it with spanking. Proof of dv doesn't seem to matter

409

[Other] He is a sorry case of a judge! I believe he and his buddy slatin if it only buddies why he can't listen to BOTH sides of a divorce instead he has "his buddy" make all the calls and listens to all the LIES its only one sided with him. this judge ryan makes a poor excuse of a judge!!!

410

[Other] Sad that ryan has to have others do HIS job. he is a sorry case for a judge. just wonder if he and his buddy. or maybe more of being buddies with liar slatin. he can't even hear his

OWN cases. and makes judgements on topic that he DOES NOT even know anything about.and takes the word of someone else LIES

411

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] In my case, the respondent was only afforded the opportunity to answer questions and not allowed to make a statement in their defense. The respondent was also not allowed to question the petitioner fully. As a result, his ruling was laced with false facts and distortions of the truth.

**Hon. Jennifer Ryan-Touhill\***

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[Other] I will not give the judge even one star! She avoided HARD evidence, let an attorney run her court room, did not allow both sides to speak (only favored one side), child support that costed payer to have to get two jobs (and she said that in court, "get another job"), believed all the lies even after proven wrong, does NOT like to be called out and if I could go on I would! I am very disappointed in Doug Doucy for allowing this woman to represent our court judicial system! It's honestly disgusting! She has way to much pride and needs to tone it down a notch. She MUST LISTEN TO BOTH SIDES AND EVALUATE ALL EVIDENCE to make an educated decision on what's in the best interest for minor. She needs to research narcissism, munchausen by proxy and take psychology (again?) to better understand that kind of behavior which is really a mental sickness. She also ruled out court appointed advisors recommendations that she insisted we get, yes, you heard that right! I have never seen anything so unjust in my life! Unreal! I pray she does her research and does not destroy another family!!!

413

[Other] Judge Ryan-Touhill is not a good family judge she listen to my lieing ex wife about things that aren't true and now I can't talk to my daughter who is super emotionally messed up cause her mom manipulate and lies to her about me my ex wife doesn't even pay attention to my daughter and you think she was the best fit for my child is being emotionally negative. She the worst judge ever!!! She is Rude I gave her evidence that should have put in red Flagg for my ex wife house and she gave back that and said she couldn't take it why is this woman a judge she should be put out of being a judge!! No compassion or consideration for what is really going on in people lives!!!

414

[Litigant] This inexperienced promoted attorney was recently removed from my family court case and the new judge is a godsent. For the last 4 years, Touhill has been raining havoc and incompetence on my case since her appt in 2015.

She always paid more attention to her screen than the litigants. Ducey screwed up with this appt. I had to consistently remind her what ARS 25 was all about and specifically ARFLP. I don't know why it took so long to get this fickle attorney off the bench. No impartiality at all.

415

[Litigant] If Ryan Touhill does not like you, beware. there will be no justice for you. she will make your life hell if you don't worship her. She does not follow the law. Very biased

416

[Other] saw this nut job as a an attorney, and my thought was 'does the BAR drug test'?? all over the place and nothing was constructed as a sentence , very scattered would have to have her recused if my child was on the line. how can she know what "best for any child, " when she can't shut up long enough to hear the case .

417

[Other] Doesn't consider evidence, dosen't follow the law. Denied my request for court appointed advisor and police reports werent enough.

418

[Criminal Defense Attorney] I guess the best way to explain this judge is by saying WOW. I am trying to find the words to explain her. She refereed to a young man who was there defending his mother as STUPID. Yes she called him STUPID. The 16 year old was clearly scared and struggling to understand her rapid fire questions with her loud tone. The young man was clearly broken and needed time to think. A little compassion would have made this a better day. I have never seen a judge speak to someone the way she did, I wanted to jump up and scream at her. As I read all the reviews on her there is clearly a problem with this judge.

419

[Other] To be frank!!! she is rude, biased and won't even listen to the other parties responses. She knowingly got into a verbal argument with the respondent in court, when all they were doing was answering a question. She has an over inflated ego, where she thinks she knows everything about all topics. She is anti military, and all she could do was berate the soldier. She further more was telling the soldier how the military operates, on change of duty stations (PCS). When the soldier tried to clarify her mistake, she started yelling at the soldier and name calling. She has no business being on the bench. If you see her assigned to your case, run!!!! Get another judge...

420

[Prosecutor] I have a hard time giving this woman even one star. I have seen her destroy people who are unrepresented by an attorney. Do not go in front of this judge without an attorney. She favors one side over the other and once she starts down that path she will not turn around. It's really very sad. Children have been 100% taken away from their parent due to this woman's rulings.

421

[Other] his woman harms the image of justice of the United States, she is racist and cruel, my case showed clear evidence that my husband is not a responsible person and that he can not be in the care of a child of almost three years, she did not consider my evidence, but I take into account evidence of doubtful origin on the part of my husband's lawyer, it seems that they are friends and after that the case turns out to favor them, she is inhuman and does not care at all about the welfare of the children, provide power to this kind of people is dangerous.

422

[Criminal Defense Attorney] Jennifer Ryan-Tuhill ruined our family. She did not care about the tiny child she put in danger! Rude, abrupt, unmannerly....inhuman! Stay away!

423

[Other] Disgusting cannot even begin to describe this poor excuse for a judge. She rules with an iron fist probably due to some unresolved childhood trauma with men. She does not follow rules of procedure and will always listen to hearsay.

I hope she is voted out on the next JPR.

424

[Other] I was a witness in a court case. I witnessed first hand Judge Jennifer Ryan-Touhill's lack of compassion. She played no part in the justice system. She was more interested in her computer screen to pay attention to the mishaps in the court room. While I watched a TA, play video games on her phone feet up on row in front of her. The judge did not focus on the case or court room. The case was rushed and curt in behavior. She was aggressive in nature and in a rush putting her own needs before the defendants. Preoccupied in a personal situation that she announced before trial. Also, she did her best to intimidate the defendant and his witnesses. I had not been a witness and this was a first..My understanding is that AZ is a pro parent state. This is not evident in her court room. For I witnessed her dismissing any sentiments that the defendant offered. A child is without his father because of her unwillingness to partake in listening.

425

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This judge has ruined my life and that of my children and she is a disgrace to all judges everywhere and should be put in prison for all that she has done to the citizens of Arizona and their children. End of story she is exactly what is wrong with our judicial system

426

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This woman should not be a judge! She lets other people make her decisions for her and then she swings the hatchet. She is a bully who lacks the ability to judge fairly.

427

[Other] Judge accepts word of mouth of attorney over facts, documents and receipts. Allows "favored" attorney to proceed by badgering witnesses and allows false statements even when refuted by fact. She consequences the presentation of facts and is very biased against if self represented!

428

[Civil Litigation-Private] This judge is capable and her rulings are thorough but her temperament is poor. Her bad attitude sets the tone in the courtroom and paves the way for contentious litigation rather than settlement. She also has a tendency to ignore what either party might be arguing and focus in on an issue that is not pending before the court. I have also personally heard her threaten to send children to foster care if the parties didn't settle, which was highly inappropriate and also well outside her jurisdiction.

429

[Other] Completely violates peoples rights with her own opinion without proof or merit she should never have the power over peoples life. I think she was to long a lousy attorney, able to lie and do what she wants

430

[Other] Horrible judgement, poor attitude, and lacks all human emotion REQUIRED to be a judge.

431

[Other] She is an utter disgrace and a complete waste of Arizonan's tax dollars! She does not do what's in the child's best interest only the mother & has the inability to see through the facade that an abusive parent presented her all because the mother had an attorney. She was appointed by Jan Brewer and NEEDS to be "de-throned". She has been on the bench for two years, is inexperienced and rules without properly requesting, retrieving, or analyzing the evidence. She is emotionless, hands down legal advice from the bench to her favored party and lacks ALL human compassion. I figured it might just be my case however, I've now sat in on several of her hearings and it has become clear to me that she is a biased person in general who will 9x out of 10 rule in favor of the mother no matter what the circumstance, and does NOT consider what is best for the families or children. She lacks experience, professionalism and expertise; needs to stop at Paradise Valley CC and retake personal relations 101. She fails to understand that her decisions affect children's lives and LITERALLY shape how they view the

world and their interpersonal relationships. SHE IS FAILING OUR CHILDREN and making decisions without merit or proper investigation- never airing on the side of caution. She is incapable of making a reasonable/sound decision and is VERY ill prepared and unprofessional in the court room, fumbling over the parties' names, confusing dates and literally rolls her eyes when in disagreement. She is a disgrace to Arizona families, children, and taxpayers. Please do your homework on your judge before you enter the court room so that you have an IDEA of what you're going up against- Judge Ryan-Touhill is an unprofessional, heartless, rookie judge who has no sense of humanity, compassion, and lack of a discerning mind to decipher lies from cold hard facts. If you're hungry for bias and judicial misconduct it's being served in a courtroom near you! Judge Ryan-Touhill is BAD FOR AZ FAMILIES.

**Hon. Teresa Sanders**

432

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] I was shocked by her blatant disregard for certain rules of court, such as holding ex parte communications and failing to issue proper jury instructions. She makes up her mind emotionally and then tries to bend the rules of court to support her snap judgement.

433

[Probation or Pretrial Officer] Teresa Sanders is a completely corrupt "Judge". She denies motions by the Probation Dept to release people from probation because she is friends with the "victims" in the case. Complete and total BS! She destroys peoples lives just because she can. She should be quartered.

**Hon. Joseph Sciarrotta**

434

[Other] This judge has become a menace. Despite being shown strong supporting evidence, he tends to always side with a mother's false, unsupported allegations. He goes against his own rulings and has no regard for the rules of family court.

435

[Other] I am not impressed. I have watched the judge over several cases and the common theme with him is he does not like to make a decision. He generally issues rulings stating that he see's no need to make a change.

**Hon. Joan Sinclair\***

436

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Judge Sinclair has absolutely no regulars for the best interest of any child. Whomever has the best lawyer, gets their way. Sucks for the parent that can't afford one. She will award 50/50 to make her job easier in the hopes that one parent gives up. She

completely disregards all red flags and important PROVEN information that puts children directly in harms way, all because one parent hired a bomb ass lawyer whom is even lower than the judge as they will do anything for a dollar including defend a child abuser...pray for our world today. It's all money and politics.

437

[Other] Judge Sinclair seems to be unable to decipher legitimate emergency situations regarding custody. I Submitted my petition for emergency temporary custody for a COVID-19 scenario where the kids are living in the same house as their infected mother and I was holding on to proof that the mother admitted to testing positive. The judge ruled the case a non-emergency and refused to hear.

She apparently, believes it is ok for kids to live in an environment that the CDC says is high risk. When the advisement from the judicial branch of Maricopa County clearly states parents should consider modifying existing orders temporarily, including suspending parenting time for a period of 14 days.

438

[Other] This judge ordered my best friend and her 4 kids in o stay in Arizona and gave the drug addict dad with no job (who kicked out his own kids and their mother onto the streets) 50% custody. This only happens because my friend was unable to afford an attorney so the dishonorable judge Joan Sinclair took advantage of this young woman and made things easier on herself, I guess less paperwork for her. This court system is rigged and unfair and need to be changed immediately! She clearly doesn't care about the welfare of children and should be fired ASAP. Just look at all the bad reviews, will no one step up for the children? I certainly hope it's not racial, my friend, her kids and their drug riddled dad are black...

439

[Civil Litigation-Private} Judge doesn't care about child support enforcement at all, whether to arrears or current child support. Rarely awards legal fees for such matters. Pretty sad.

**Hon. James Smith\***

440

[Other] Much like what everyone thus far has stated, this judge really shouldn't be dealing with court matters that surround the best interest of a child. After submitting valid responses he never even read through any of the critical information. One point he ruled in our favor against enforcing the rule 69 then received the opposing parties response and ruled on it. Very conflicting especially when the opposing party has violated everything in the court order. This man needs to learn more about compassion and listening to the facts instead of acting as if he would rather be at lunch or on a coffee break. One of the many problems with our judicial system.

If anyone truly reads this that has any type of authority I encourage you to read all the negative and consistent comments and realize this judge needs to GO!

## 441

[Other Horrible judge who does a sloppy job. There were numerous mistakes on my decree, he acted as if he did not want to be in the court room during the divorce trial, refused to hold my ex to contempt for lack of child support, calculated property debt incorrectly and required us to schedule an alternate court date due to his lack of uploading documentation on time. very cold and sloppy.

## 442

[Litigant] In a word: Disgruntled. If he were a cartoon character he'd be Scrooge McDuck. Seriously though, he's a true misogynist and should never have been given such an important position. He hates women. It's obvious in everything he says. Just look at the reviews and see for yourself when you attempt to honestly present your case. Smith cares nothing about the truth. I've never seen anyone sniff as frequently as this man and what's really gross is his penchant for rolling his eyes.

## 443

[Other] After a custody hearing lasting over four hours , he could not even make the decision himself. After moping the court room with "Non-payment" (nickname for my wifes ex) to the point the other lawyer congratulated us afterward because we had won and done a great job, Judge Smith went with a parent coordinator's 45 min biased interview to rule against us. And the BEST part the ex in the courtroom room proclaimed , "he is a model citizen that pays his debts". Since then, 3 months behind on support payments on money he has owed for years. Oh, he only pays \$75-500 at a time on a \$1,100 a month arrears bill set up by the Accountability Court. Before you feel sorry for someone trying to pay...he does not pay regularly, but he can be seen riding a Harley and driving an Escalade that he hides in his woman's name. Thinking it should be renamed - Kind of Accountability court. Basically, Judge Smith just sided with him with NO FOLLOW UP. From what I have read and seen this Judge gets low marks across the board. William Vizzerra has done nothing but mock Judge Smith's courtroom and Judge Smith does not care. Stay away from him if you want common sense in the courtroom.

## 444

[Litigant] This guy has no business sitting before family matters. He shows no concern or awareness for the dynamics, repercussions or implications of an abusive relationship even when it resulted in the death of the spousal victim. Smith's motivation appeared to be only to sweep the matter "under the carpet" as quickly as possible to clear his docket. In a matter that took place over years, Smith was intent on restricting the "trial" to one hour and refused to allow the surviving children any form of independent representation.

I suspect this Judge has no empathy for victims of abuse, nor concern for the implications surviving children are left with. At the very minimum he is easily manipulated by the types that

are the cause of this behavior. Anyone who may a victim seeking relief in this jurisdiction should be forewarned and do whatever possible to avoid this judge.

## 445

[Other] Judge Smith was arrogant, dismissive, haughty, and unconcerned with... the TRUTH. My ex husband described him as a "feral robot." Not the funniest but I had to agree with him. At least it got us on the same page for the first time in months! Judge Smith walked in, barely looked at anyone, and just sniffed his way through the proceedings. It worked out for the best because my ex and I laughed all the way out of the building!! It was a shared experience that made us happy we weren't the worst off folks after all! Hang in there, everyone. Strike this guy if you can because we ended up coming to our own agreement later.

## 446

[Other] First impressions are EVERYTHING and Judge James Smith at the Superior Court in Mesa is awful! He is extremely rude and seems to have no compassion for anyone! He doesn't care to hear about your situation and/or what is going on in your life! It's very sad that he is a Judge, he seems to use his title as some form of a higher power than anyone around him! He literally acts like he has the worst job ever! I'm sorry to anyone that has to go before this man! I think when someone has worked hard to have an authority like he does they should ALWAYS have compassion and understand that we are all human beings and when we are seeing him we are obviously going through a rough stage in our lives so he needs to connect himself with those in his presence and have more empathy and understanding of what each situation he is dealing with. It makes me so angry when these types of human beings who have a "higher" authority abuse it! This is exactly why people do not believe in our justice system and the way it is ran!

## 447

[Civil Litigation-Private] This judge has a chip on his shoulder from perceived or real slights in his personal or professional life. Unfortunately, the personal opinions and life experiences of people appointed to these positions do not always stay out of the courtroom. I agree with the previous statement. Get a different judge if you're a woman seeking a fair hearing. He is a bitter and predatory person. This individual is sarcastic, ruthless, and delights in humiliating the people who are unfortunate enough to be assigned to his courtroom.

## 448

[Other] Judge Smith is not a fair judge - if you are a woman, motion to strike him. He apparently has some of those far right views regarding women and brings them to the bench with him.

### **Hon. Patricia Starr**

449

[Other] a real POS, denies oral arguments for pro per, she is LAZY , might have to explain a rule. watched other cases with attorney's Elizabeth Campbell was horrible , not ever mediocre, K Kent was organized and knew her stuff but the case was rigged, verdict in before it started . and starr's grandmother was a nurse, wonder what she this of this mess of a grd dtr !!

450

[Civil Litigation-Private] biased for the state. Not acting as a "judge " but playing interference for the state always siding with the state attorneys. Unprofessional for sure, does not even read the cases but has the decision made up before you get there. She is agreeing with the state agency every time. The agency , filing charges in areas that are not their concern , but Starr upholds it for them , sad she is , very sad, it will come back to her. taking away another womans career with no thought about it , is an evil and wicked act

### **Hon. Ronee Korbin Steiner\***

451

[Litigant] Judge Steiner gives custody of children to criminals, is overly sympathetic to drug addicts, is easily manipulated by sympathetic ploys, and appears to side with the party with the most money. Her election percentage is showing she will likely lose the next election and probably not do so well, as an attorney, in relation to her biased rulings. I'm now going to court in another state, because her easily manipulated and judgmental personality has played a role in placing my child in a dangerous situation. Poor and catty judgment should not be on the bench. Now, I'm fighting for my son's basic human rights to be protected. Shame on you, judge Steiner, you earned it.

452

[Litigant] Hon. Ronee Korbin Steiner is awful and biased. She not only favors the Petitioner but Women over men. Her blatant disregard for evidence over allegations has caused Parents and Father's to be disconnected from their children. I pity anyone facing her in the courtroom. My "favorite" read sarcasm here, was her statement of "I have to follow my orders". What is the point of a judge. It is to judge a situation or a person, and deem necessary actions. If there is no room for "judgment" or interpretation of situations, why don't we just have assignments of penalties.

### **Judge Sherry K. Stephens\***

[Note: Because Judge Stephens received 199 negative comments on this website, only illustrative postings are excerpted below.]

443

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] I really don't care for her on the bench.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] She should be embarrassed at the way the Jodi Arias trial was handled. She allowed Juan to run her courtroom. A terrible judge. Very unprofessional.

455

[Civil Litigation-Private] The judge's inability to say no to "May we approach?" is absolutely mind-numbing. I have worked in criminal and civil trials in 3 different states (NY, CA and TX) and not once have I seen such a permissive judge allowing the jury to sit through so many unnecessary and mind-numbing sidebars. Absolutely incomprehensible and ridiculous.

The Arias case actually felt like a three ringed circus at times but completely out of control. The Judge failed to control her courtroom and it was surreal at times so much like a terrible nightmare that we just could not wake up from. She has a lot to learn and I could never ever bear to watch her preside over another case, Please learn how to control a courtroom and I hope you never run into another Jodi Arias again.

456

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This judge allowed the prosecution in the Arias trial to run her courtroom. She allowed misconduct to continue on a daily basis. She is there to preside over the entire proceeding, which includes protecting witnesses. She allowed Martinez to badger witnesses, even the prosecution's witnesses. She should have put an end to this immediately. Furthermore, the defense team had valid arguments in charging Martinez with misconduct, as well as valid reasons for a mistrial. If this judge had done her job properly, I believe the outcome would have been different. We don't sentence people to life for lying, and Martinez based the entire case on lying. As a side note, the Arias defense team should have pleaded insanity and go an alternative route. Judge Stephens was a passive and bias judge, who allowed Martinez to run her courtroom better than she herself did.

457

[Litigant] I know for sure I didn't get a fair shake in her Family Courtroom, she completely sided with my Ex on every issue, made it financially impossible for me to ever see my 2 children therefore denying my rights as a Father after I had driven 1200 miles to Phoenix, Arizona to respond to motions filed by my Ex's Law Firm for emergency custody orders, and modification of support. Every last piece of evidence my Ex's Attorneys presented the court was fabricated accusations and hearsay without one shred of documentation or physical proof, not even one witness to back up the blatant false accusations her and her Attorneys printed on court documents filed under our family court case and she took the stand her own behalf committing atrocious perjured testimony as I said without one witness, document or any physical, scientific, or medical proof of what they printed on paper and she testified to under oath in the Maricopa

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458

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459

[Other] I have read a lot of the comments and agree with the facts. It may have SEEMED that she was biased, but that is only an opinion, though as many have stated here seems to be unanimous. The really factual things that bothered me about the judge is that she did not demand respect. All the sidebars the defense wanted shouldn't have been allowed. If things weren't going their way the demanded a sidebar. The other thing was letting the defense dictate when they would hold court. She should've told them to subpoena the witnesses and she would not and made too many concessions for the defense. Mr. Martinez never asked for sidebars and had his witnesses ready and never was court delayed because of the prosecution. But almost every time court convened there was countless delays from the defense. Now if this was showing bias only the court would be at liberty to say. I think the trials should at least be looked at for misconduct. Too much money was spent for such blatant lying on the stand. I would have loved to see some of the ppl testifying who blatantly lied to have been held in contempt. Then I would have had respect for her as a judge, and would've made me more comfortable that she was the one in control. It was a shame that it was such a one sided prejudicial mess in that courtroom.

460

[Other] she was horrible,,she had no control over the court room,,she dragged the case on way to long,they worked only 4 days a week and sometimes not even that.she looked like she was falling a sleep.. i rated her 1 didnt have the option for 0

461

[Other] Very biased, weak, not a very strong Judge. She did not pay attention to jury's requests thus the decision was hung, again. Too many steps she should have acted on and she didn't. Therefore, the vital issues were presented to the Court of Appeal and the decision made was in reference to secret testimony. The Court reversed her decision. Too many delays made by the Judge which inadvertently made the trial excessively long and costly. She's an embarrassment to the American Judicial System and needs to be removed from the Bench immediately.

462

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] If you live in Arizona PLEASE VOTE OUT Judge Sherry Stephens! Travis Alexander murder trial Arias. Judge Stephens allowed the defense to control her courtroom since day one. She allowed defense, Arias, and defense witnesses to be very rude to Juan Martinez, refusing to answer his questions. She allowed Nurmi to question a Mormon Bishop on the witness stand nurmi called him a liar and scream at him. Unbelievable disrespect and judge stephens did not say one word! defense 3.2 million so far & world knows Judge Stephens got a cut of that money. She abused Travis Alexander and his family daily! She put the convicted murderer Arias up on a pedestal. during prosecution case Arias & wilmott were constantly talking and laughing. Judge Stephens is a man hater! Travis Alexander was murder 3 times - most gruesome murder in Arizona history yet the judge treats Arias as if she got a speeding ticket. REMOVE HER FROM THE BENCH!

463

[Other] She should be stripped of her robe & sent to jail! How was she assigned to the death penalty Travis Alexander murder trial? She was not a death penalty qualified judge! She was a family judge! This judge is corrupt! Twice did not read the entire jury instruction! She has 17 months of ex parte secret meeting with the defense. no Juan Martinez was not allowed to be there. That is illegal! Judge Stephens knew Juror #17 was the defense's stealth juror. Juan Martinez tried twice to strike her for valid legal reasons, Judge Stephens said NO. Jury decision for penalty retrial was 11 for death and 1 for life - 1 for life was the stealth juror. The stealth juror refused to deliberate per the jury foreman.

464

[Other] [Posted three times in a row] This Judge Sherry Stephens is the very worse judge that ever took the bench I would hope there is a investigation in the way she handles Jodi Aries trial/sentencing. This-needs to be done to prove our legal system is working with out her ... corruption

465

[Criminal Defense Attorney] THIS JUDGE HAD NO BUSINESS PRESIDING OVER THE JODI ARIAS TRIAL WHAT A SHAM! I AM APPALLED AND DISGUSTED WITH HER INABILITY TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION BY ALLOWING AN OBVIOUSLY BIASED JUROR TO REMAIN ON THE

JURY. SHE SHOULD BE OUSTED AND THIS TRIAL SHOULD BE THROWN OUT. WHAT A WASTE OF MONEY AND TIME. SHAME ON HER!!!

466

[Criminal Defense Attorney] I'm scheduled for jury duty 3-16-2015. After observing this judge there is no way I will waste my intellect and time only to be usurped by a bias judge. Not happening!! Jurors are asked to be impartial so why not the judge too? She's a black eye on all that is just.

467

[Other] DESPICABLE! Arizona needs to get RID of Sherry Stephens. She clearly can't run a courtroom, and the Arias circus was not the only trial she has failed miserably! I'm glad I don't live in Arizona as I am not paying for this debacle! Sherry Steven's alone, failed the justice system and reduced the respect that must take place in a courtroom, to a laughing matter! Absolute mockery of justice!

468

Give up her day job, tax payers should know better than to keep Stephens on any payroll. A real downer to see such unfair justice in the court room.

469

[Civil Litigation-Government- [excerpted]

What a BIASED judge. And now, we are left with a stealth juror, crooked mitigation specialist, possible crooked defense team, possible crooked judge.

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This was OBVIOUSLY a CORRUPT TRIAL done for the sole purpose of removing the DP as an option for the murderer jodi arias.

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Is the ENTIRE STATE OF AZ CORRUPT? I guess we will find out soon.

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And investigate just how DEEP and FAR this CORRUPTION WENT!

If I had to guess, I'd say the ENTIRE defense team AND the judge were in it to their necks.

AND PROSECUTE AND DISBAR, AND GIVE PRISON TIME TO ALL INVOLVED. They can all join hands with jodi in prison & sing KUM BA YAH!

WE THE PEOPLE WILL ALL BE WATCHING CLOSELY!

470

[Other] Well, well. What's it gonna be stephens, when it comes to sentencing "jodi ann arias" on April 13th? LIFE WITH PAROL, or LIFE WITH OUT PAROLE for your pet "arias"? If you allow Kirk nurmi to have his way in only wanting LWP for "miss arias", then you have proven BEYOND any shadows of doubts, that YOU have been the defense shill through out this WHOLE court case. WE ALL know, how very much you have been taken in by "miss arias" through out this case, so much so, that every one has seen and felt your attachment to this convicted felon, so much so, that it's totally unhealthy for you, as the LAW go,s by. WE hope that you follow the LAW and not be a shill for the defense, again.....:•|

471

[Other] I think the Jodi Arias retrial was one big joke. This Judge should have had court Monday thru Friday, 9 to 5. She also had Juror #17 in her chambers for a secret meeting, had complaints from the other juror's about #17 and did nothing about this juror. Surprise, surprise, look who the hold out juror was! This Judge never should have had a DP case, she clearly is against the DP. She showed more concern for the murderer than the victims. Let's hope she at least gives the murderer LWOP, if she gives her any chance of getting out in 25 yrs, she will have made it clear to everyone that she doesn't care about anyone but the murderer. She never should have allowed the defense to do all the things they did, she allowed them to rule the courtroom, bring in nothing but lies, ruin the reputation of a very good man, and turned her courtroom into a circus! There should be people in AZ hanging their heads in shame right now. She also should have been more than prepared to sentence JA as soon as the jury hung. How sad for the Alexanders to now have to wait another month! This Judge should be removed from the bench, I put all blame on her shoulders. Sad, very sad.

472

[Other] [excerpted] This is the worst excuse for a judge I have ever seen. During the entire Jodi Arias trial and retrial Judge Stephens seemed to not be aware of what is the law, . . . .

473

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Before the Jodi Arias trial ever began, Jodi threatened to ruin Travis Alexander's legacy & reputation, she threatened to ruin marriages, damage the Morman church and much more if she was not given a sweetheart deal. This judge allowed for every opportunity to do just that, without a scintilla of proof or truth to any of the allegations made by Jodi Arias & her defense team. That should never be allowed in a court of law that is supposed to be all about TRUTH & JUSTICE.

There was NO JUSTICE in the verdict today. 7 years of this travesty to reach an unjust verdict. This travesty falls squarely on the shoulders of this incompetent judge. She should have kept the control of her courtroom instead of turning it over to the defense.

Bottom line.....today is a sad, sad day for justice in America. Myself and 99% of America are

sick at heart. God Bless Travis Alexander & his family....Arizona justice system let them down horribly

**474**

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This is the worst excuse for a judge I've ever seen. What she has done is reprehensible. The only thing I can say is get her off that bench before she makes more disasters in others lives.

**475**

[Other] JSS is a POS... She let JA & Co. DEFRAUD the COURT; she MUZZLED Juan Martinez; and, she PISSED all over the Alexanders. May JSS burn in HELL.....:•|

**476**

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] MAJOR FAIL IN EVERY AREA!

**477**

[Court staff] How this ignorant woman remains a judge after screwing up the Jodi Arias case is beyond me! Someone with authority over her needs to step in and disbar her. What a travesty of justice!

She allowed the reputation of an innocent victim to be absolutely trashed by the duhfense team. WHY? She had absolutely no control over her courtroom.

I wouldn't allow her to judge a dog grooming competition.

**478**

[Other] This judge is not a DP judge and should of not been on this case to start with, but to allow any attorney to put the victim on trial during the penalty phase, when the first trial showed he was not abusive is shameful! To allow attorneys to abuse witnesses is shameful! This Judge was so bias to the defense team of a convicted murderer, you have to wonder if JSS has a personal relationship with someone on the defense team. And this DT Nurmi & Wilson were disgusting to watch, they turned this into a PORNO trial instead of what it was; "cold blooded murder"!

**479**

[Other] Stop the INSANITY in this judges courtroom. Az will go down in history of the absolute worst trial travesty EVER. Stevens needs to get a grip on her courtroom. What does Nurmi have on her anyway?

**480**

[Other] When is this judges superiors gonna do something about the circus the Jodi Arias trial has become? This judges lack of control over her courtroom is absurd! What an injustice to the

victim and the Alexander family! Where are the victims rights? Why is the defense team allowed to retry a death penalty case as if it were a retrial, Jodi Arias is convicted for murder one, she slaughtered a good man yet this so called judge is allowing the defense team to run the show, present lies, yes proven lies on a daily basis! She won't allow the prosecutor to present a case or to cross examined witnesses called by the defense team. Who is gonna step in and make her do her job, as it stands now she's doing the defense's job with them as well as for them! The world is watching this and is laughing at the mockery being made of the American justice system, I for one have lost all respect for the Arizona justice system, it seems to me nobody it's willing to stand up and make this horrible judge do her job, run her courtroom the way it should be run. Come on now let's see someone in the Arizona court system grow a backbone and make her do her job not the defense job! I'm ashamed of this countries injustice system as a whole but Arizona your system is the worst I've ever seen! Judge Stephens and her superiors should be ashamed of yourselves

**481**

[Other] This judge has made a circus out of the Arizona court system. She allows witness to be disrespectful to the prosecution, only holds court part-time, allows trivial delays and defense manipulation, and carries on proceedings in secret even after being corrected by higher courts. She should be removed from office.

**482**

[Other] [excerpted] . . . Sherry K. Stevens, needs to be removed from the bench and her robe completely stripped!

**483**

[Other] [excerpted] . . . Can't believe how broken the judicial system in AZ is. I have followed the AriASS trial from day one, and I am ashamed and embarrassed to say the least.

. . .

something is NOT right in that court room and I think all the lying, dirty, scum bag duhdefense attorneys and the Sherry should be investigated, and made to pay the State back for all the money they are making while frauding the system.

**484**

[Other] [excerpted] Isn't there a ZERO star rating? Maybe I'll give her one star for turning up to court. Appalling example of a Judge. Consistent. However, in her case, consistently biased behavior in favor of a convicted murderer and her immoral Defense Team. Let her retire and never to heard from in Courts of Arizona again.

**485**

[Other] It is too bad that she can only be rated on a scale of 1-10. She is much closer to a -100 than any person I've ever watched in a trial. She makes Ito look like a real judge! The people of

Arizona must be so embarrassed and angry at what is going on (or rather what is not going on) with this trial and the money spent on it. Any judge in America that closes a trial like she did (especially for a convicted killer that she admits manipulates people) should be fired on the spot! Did she miss the class in High School Civics about the US Constitution? Her cohorts must be appalled to admit they work with or for her. Sliminess and incompetence are expected from defense attorneys but professionalism is expected from judges. I hope the judicial system of Arizona will apologize publicly for her if/when this ends. Shame on all involved.

486

[Other] Why is this woman still on the bench in the Arias trial? She is either totally over her head with this or she is completely biased for the defense. In the beginning I believed it was the former but the longer this circus continues, I believe it is the latter. Shame on her superior(s) for allowing this to continue.

487

[Other] DISGUSTING! Good thing she wears a robe because I don't think she could decide on her wardrobe let alone the RIGHTS of anyone! Defendant or VICTIM! Why she allows defense to completely villify a VICTIM of such a heinous crime as this is beyond belief. Too boot, this woman has already been CONVICTED! What is she REALLY afraid of by making the LOGICAL decisions of a law abiding speaker of the people? Amazes me that the state of AZ actually pays her for this full blown circus that SHE and the defense team have created. SAD, SAD, SAD!

488

[Other] [excerpted]. . . Truly both of these trails have become an embarrassment to Arizona's and our nation's justice system. :( I truly pray that the Arizona Bar will investigate both of these Jodi Arias trials, being judicially supervised by Judge Stephens, and a harsh reprimand be enacted or remove her from the bench. Where is .. JUSTICE FOR JUSTICE in this Maricopa County Superior Court??????

489

[Other] [excerpted]. . . What a shame this Judge is. She needs to be removed from the court and a competent real Judge needs to take over before the State of AZ goes bankrupt. It is time for somebody with higher authority to step in and take over and remove a Judge that clearly has no clue what she is doing. Yes I am venging, because I am angry, angry that this is going on for so long when it should be only days or a few weeks at least to sentence this brutal killer and not be allowed a new retrial. It goes about DP or Life with or without parole not about a whole new retrial. Nurmi should NOT be allowed to make such a mockery out of the court system. He should be held in check for all of his shenanigans. Somebody please step in and end this shame of a trail.

490

[Other] [excerpted] . . . Is only Judge Stephens asleep at the bench and responsible? How many hands are now complicit as well in this travesty?

As a citizen of these United States of America, in the spirit of our forefathers, I implore those in power in the great state of Arizona to intercede in this and bring this to its appropriate end.

**491**

[Other][excerpted] . . . this judge has no control over her court.the defense shows no respect to the judge are anyone else.she can not make any decision on the motions the defense team makes.this trial has gotten out of control it should have been over along time ago.this trial has cost AZ over 3 million dollars. when will someone step in and bring this court under control? this judge has completely lost all control. i am a shame to see our justice system made a mockery because of this incapable judge.

**492**

[Other] When I first watched the trial, I thought this Judge was nothing more then an Executive Assistant. That is how she acts. She has no authority, she does not control her own court room,she is a really, really poor excuse for a judge. She is in wayyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy over her head, and someone needs to take control of this trial. If I lived in Arizona, I would be outraged, absolutely outraged at this sham of a trial. Not to mention the cost, at the taxpayers expense I might add. My heart goes out to the Alexander family, who has to keep reliving this nightmare because of an incompetent judge. There should be more outrage about this, it is unacceptable.

**493**

[Other] You Judge Stephens should be ashamed of yourself. It is obvious that from the start you were over your head. You are the only judge in history that has allowed the defense attorneys to take over a courtroom. The attorneys and their paid witnesses are clearly dishonest and underhanded. WHY you allow them to trash a dead man and repeat theirself just to stall and steal tax payers money is beyond me. You have no clue how to force forward progress and keep control of a courtroom. I hope to God the Alexanders sue you and every single lying scumbag on the defense for everything they have leaving you all penniless living, under a bridge as roommates eating out of trash cans for what you all have done to Travis and his family

**494**

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Judge Stephens is the worst example of the justice system I have ever seen. The way she is handling the Jodi Arias trial is deplorable! She and the defense team have delayed this trial to where the court has been out, more days than it has been in. Who is the victim here? I believe it was Travis Alexander, and now his entire family! They have given up their personal lives for YEARS now, only to have one delay after another. What about the jury? They to have put their lives on hold for a trial they believed would last only 3 months. I would hope her superiors read these comments, soon, and have a nice long talk with Judge Stephens about the mockery she has made of this trial and our judicial system.

495

[Other] From the looks of the "Comments" section so far, it looks like JSS is a veritable "flunky". Did her father or some other relative have connections with the Governor in order to get her appointed to the bench? Someone had to lobby pretty hard on her behalf!

496

[Other] Sherry K Stephens is a JOKE.... She makes a mockery of the justice system. She is victimizing Travis and his family all over again. I don't think this sorry excuse of a judge knows that HODI Arias is a CONVICTED MURDER. Why is she allowing all these stall tastics drag on. She has lost control of the courtroom. Grow a pair; Regain your room and stop wasting tax payers money. Sherry is a disgrace, the only robe she should be wearing is a bath robe...

497

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This re-trial of the penalty phase has been an abomination of our justice system. All of the delays and postponements are ridiculous. Judge Stephens has allowed the defense to run all over her and conduct the trial. Since when does a convicted killer get to call the shots during her trial? Why is she being allowed to bring in new witnesses at this point? It is apparent that the Judge is so afraid something she does will be grounds for appeal, that she is letting the defense run the show. This re-trial is costing the taxpayers as much or more than the initial trial did and is no where near close to being finished. And why is Jodi allowed to wear street clothes? She has been convicted of murder! I feel sorry for the jurors! This trial is a prime example of why people do not want to serve on a jury.

498

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This judge has made a mockery of the State of Arizona court system. She allows the defendant to dictate what the court does or doesn't do.

499

[Prosecutor] A monumental waste of tax dollars. The Arias trial has been delayed and delayed by a malingering defense and an incompetent judge, who seemingly refuses to conduct trial in the open even after being instructed to do so by a higher court. This case should never have been assigned to a judge so lacking in experience outside of family court. Judge Stephens and the Arias case have made the AZ justice system a laughing stock, all around the world.

500

[Other] Absolutely a biased non-experienced Death Penalty trial judge. The United States Judicial System has been shamed before the world with The State of Arizona vs Jodi Arias trial/penalty phase. This court has brought shame upon the state of Arizona and have been allowed to make a mockery of the system our forefathers died for!! Shame on Arizona and on Judge Stephens for mocking our American Judicial System and on defaming the Victim in this

case, Travis Victor Alexander! He will not rest in peace until The State of Arizona metes out the only true justice: Death!!

**501**

[Other] It is beyond comprehension what Sherry Stevens has done, or not done in the trial of Jodi Arias. For one of the most brutal murders committed, the defendant has plead guilty and been convicted. In this penalty phase only Sherry Stevens has pandered to defense and allowed motion after motion and delay after delay. She allows astounding disrespect to prosecutor by witnesses and defense team. She can't rule on ANYTHING! All one needs to do is look at the actual days of trial she has had, and compare to amount of days she has closed trial, brought in jury only to send them back home, given into defenses frivolous motions. She does not uphold the constitution of this country! Who is watching her? Who is her boss? She needs to be removed from bench and sanctions filed against her and defense attorneys! Stop her now!!!! She is a disgrace to your state and this country!

**502**

[Other] Very sad that the whole country even foreign countries are laughing about the injustice being done in this court room.

**503**

[Other] While I am not a resident of Arizona, I am a US citizen and the State of Arizona receives substantial federal funds to run the state. MY TAXES are going to the State of Arizona and I object to the way Judge Stephens is frivolously running the Arias sentencing retrial with careless disregard for the public purse - MY purse.

To whomever is her supervising judge: please put her performance under review and remove her from the bench, if need be, to restore competence in the Maricopa courts.

Thank you.

**504**

[Other] Judge Stephens demonstrates that she has no control over her courtroom and she caters to the defense; currently in a sentencing hearing for Jodi Arias, she allows the defense to re-try the case; she has no regard for the poor jury nor the public purse. This sentencing trial is an absolute joke and Judge Stephens is a laughable non-judge. Why hasn't her superior stepped in to guide her in this trial in which she is clearly over her head?

**505**

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] RUNAWAY JUDGE RUNAWAY JUSTICE...OUT OF CONTROL

**506**

[Other] Judge Stephens has lost all control of her courtroom. The AZ court system is being made a joke of for the whole world to see.

What judge violates the constitution and allows a convicted murderer to run her courtroom? NONE! Only this judge and it's shameful!

507

[Other] Incompetent Judge. Remove her from the bench permanently!

508

[Other] This judge has demonstrated an almost irrational bias against men and a lack of understanding as well as disrespect of the law. She should not be allowed on the family law bench.

**Hon. Howard Sukenic\***

509

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Now that all the "karens" of the world are getting exposed it's time for this piece of shit to get exposed. With all the problems of systematic racism, this dick licker is part of the system and one of the main issues in society today. This is a male version of a "Karen" in a position of power who supports all the other "karens" to achieve oppression. This is a man who feels inferior around a real man. Howard your a piece of shit, you were born one, remain one and will die a piece of shit. you serve yourself not the people & your face looks like a 100 year old scrotum sack.

510

[Litigant] Extremely poor and biased. He coached the defense attorney, insulted an expert witness from the top domestic violence institute in the western US, and had his orders written and sitting on his desk before any evidence was heard, including testimony from a teacher that the child was afraid of her father. Highly unethical all around.

511

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] 1=WORST

Worst Judge ever!! I wish there was a "0" rating because he deserves it.

He gave visitation to a registered Sex Offender that lied the entire court hearing and this Judge never even wanted to hear or see evidence that proved this sexual predators lies! Now innocent children are in the hands of a predator. This Judge came into the 3 hour hearing knowing exactly what he was going to do and wasted everyone's time. He even had to calm the defendant down and correct his disrespectful behavior a few times during the hearing and he still thought it was OK to give him unsupervised visitation when he wasn't using his actual visitation he already had in place.

This Judge doesn't care about evidence and I have a feeling he might be very proDad no matter what the Dad's behavior is with the small children.

He needs to be voted off the bench ASAP!!

The judge that issues no judgements. Just lets cases drag on with no resolution. Does not care what the investigator he requires, that is costly on top of it has to say. What is the point of hiring someone to investigate if you you don't care what they find? Also, totally unwilling to be of any assistance when the other parent does not follow the court ordered custody schedule. Tells everyone to meet at the police station, where you are then told that should not be a drop off point. Does not enforce his own orders. Does not factor in prior domestic violence. Honestly doesn't seem to care about much. Totally useless.

## 512

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] To bad "0" wasn't an option. This guy either paid for his position or the qualifications have gotten so low they settle with guy's like this. He should take note's from his colleague's. There are some fair judges out there I can testify to that and completely un-biased. Howard is not one of them. Don't let one bad apple ruin your faith in the justice system. Don't give up hope and fight for what is right. Speak up, so when election time comes our voices of the people can be heard. We want fairness and equality. No matter what GENDER you are. Howard needs to learn that. The same judge that he is he may one day get a taste of his own medicine. what if one of his kids were going through a custody battle for Howards grandkids. With out political interference I don't think Mr. Howard would be to fawn dealing with a man like himself.

HONORABLE = people and actions that are honest, fair, and worthy of respect. An honorable person is someone who believes in truth and doing the right thing.

The one quality we all expect.

## 513

[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Wow, I agree with these people.. Sorry guys best of luck with everything.

[Civil Litigation-Private] [excerpted] I agree with the comment posted below. If you are someone who does not believe in our justice system, and our "honorable" judges, paid off of tax dollars, this un-honorable judge will confirm your beliefs on the justice system.. . .

**Hon. Pamela Svoboda\***

## 514

[Litigant] Children need both parents. When 1 parent has been through 5 different attorneys and 4 judges trying to take away the children from the other parent that is parental alientaion, aka child abuse. The crocodile tears couldn't fool the first 3 judges, but this judge fell for it, enabling the abuser to continue the abuse. Thankfully the judge replacing Judge Svoboda

restored the 2 parent involvement scenario as soon as she left. The abuse continues from the other parent, but the children and their counselor have been working hard and recognized the abusiveness and have been great to learn how to deal with it. The kids have really enjoyed having their nuclear family back, and we have enjoyed having them back. I see Judge Svoboda is no longer on the bench in family court and that is most certainly for the best. She isn't cut out for this line of work. Better luck in judging other areas of the law.

515

[Civil Litigation-Private] Judge Svoboda is a poor excuse for a Judge she reads nothing picks a side immediately. Enjoys ruining families must not have one of her own. She should be judged by herself and leave the court immediately before she causes families with small children more harm.

516

[Other] Judge Svoboda ruined my family's life! I lost a family court case to a man that was never interested in his daughter. That has 4 children with 4 different woman. That hasn't supported himself or his children in his whole adult life(he's 45). He hasn't raised any of his children. He owes a min of \$45,000 in arrears in total for his two youngest children. I can't afford representation and I HAVE TO PAY HIS ATTORNEY FEES \$4000! Where has he been the last 4 years of his daughters life? Judge Svoboda shrugs and scuffs and smirks in court! She is bias and very unprofessional! Someone get her out! Obviously our lives are not the only ones she impacted in a negative way. SHE NEEDS OUT!

517

[Litigant] I have had multiple issues brought before Judge Svoboda since she took over Judge Foster's docket. Serious concerns of emotional abuse of my son have been brought to her attention only to be dismissed without so much as a hearing or have gone completely unaddressed. She even miscalculated child support giving the other side credit for costs that I am paying, however due to her lack of attention and failure to follow even the most basic court procedures I will be doing everything I can to stay out of her courtroom until she rotates off and a new judge is assigned who will actually take my child's best interests into account.

Svoboda does more damage than good.

518

[Other] It is unfortunate the amount of damage, emotionally and physically, Judge Svoboda has rendered to innocent children by her bias, disrespect and disregard for the Rule of Law in family court. Any decisions made by this Judge should be dismissed in their entirety for every family case she has regrettably touched. Bias toward the adversarial side, lack of preparation and ignorance of important issues undermine the purpose of this Court, her station, and the families impacted by her deplorable decisions. She abuses discretion, blatantly ignores factual findings, and if she has any respect for herself, should step down immediately and discontinue abusing this salaried position at the cost of children's futures.

519

[Other] She made a ruling based on no evidence to send my kid to live w dad in May. My kid is now in the hospital after overdosing because dad took her off her medicine without consulting a dr or me & is lying saying the dr approved it. I have the proof of this. Pamela is garbage.

520

[Other] "Judge" Svoboda is a waste of space in family court. She didn't even look up from her laptop the entire time. My exhusband lied & offered zero evidence of claims he was making & what did she do-split up my kids. We don't even split kids up in foster care. Now my younger child is sad & crying & having trouble handling the emotions thrust upon by this horrific excuse for a judge. She made this based on zero evidence. I was told I was being confrontational in court. I wasn't. I just couldn't answer a question because i couldn't recall the incident-because it never happened. She is a waste of skin & not helping children w her BS rulings. I could fight this & win-I can't afford it. I loathe her & the sooner she's removed the better off kids will be in family court. She separated siblings who have always been together. That's evil & vile. She is a demon.  
"Judge" Pamela needs to be removed immediately.

521

[Other] Judge Svoboda pays no attention to the rule of law. She should be removed from the bench, and the practice of law.

522

[Litigant] Judge Svoboda was inattentive during our trial. She made a court finding as to the city that plaintiff lived in when writing her ruling. Neither party said plaintiff even lived in that city and plaintiff did not in fact live in that city. This judge does not pay attention to details presented and ignores facts. 4 different judges before her heard the plaintiffs same case over many years and made no changes, but Judge Svoboda's first time hearing the same case has upended my children's childhood and educational future for the worse. Almost a decade of status quo out the window because she can't pay attention to the facts presented in the case. The kids have been negatively affected...just ask their counselor.

523

[Other] I first want to start by saying that this is not my first being to court about making a child modification so when Judge Foster left and Judge Pamela was assigned as my new Judge I had a very open mind and disregarded all the negative comments and reviews I had seen. I have now experience first had how unknowledgeable she is a Judge not only does she delays her rulings, she does no previous research on your case she goes by what's in from of her two eyes. Several time it felt like I was the one that had to show her and remind her what is required she has no experience as a judge no common sense looks lost even when she is addressing you, in my case she kept reading what the previously Judge had ruled. I previously had Judge Foster and I cannot tell you how I felt that Judge foster took the time to look at my

case and felt his ruling was for the best interest of my kids. Judges like Pamela Svaboda need to seriously be removed or do their job right. My advised to everyone is until Jusge Pamela Svoboda is removed make sure whatever you present to her is all in order because she won't go out of her way to look.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Pamela Svoboda has no regard for the Arizona Constitution, or it's laws.

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[Other] As a family clurt judge i have to honestly say she is very vindictive and unfair. Indont say this as a spiteful mean person, she is truly not a fair and unbiased individual. Currently in the process of filing a civil lawsuit against her and maricopa county family court system....and i DO have my children 50/50...so this isnt a vindictive type of suit...there needs to he a change and it needs to start somewhere.

526

[Litigant] HE ABSOLUTE WORST JUDGE I HAVE EVER COME ACROOSS AND DOES NOT KNOW THE LAW OR HOW TO DO HER JOB

527

[Other] Pamela Svoboda can't seem to put 2 and 2 together when it's presented to her on a platter. She doesn't pay attention to details, ignores facts and makes decisions based on one partys word without investigating whether that person is telling the truth in any way. Thanks to her a child has been left in a neglectful situation even though legitimate concerns were brought to her attention they were laughed off by the other party, their lawyer and then this judge. I hope she's out of family court soon.

528

[Litigant] Judge Svoboda is new to family court. She does not understand family court procedure, nor does it seem like she has taken the time to learn. Her rulings contradict each other and she can't keep the litigants straight in her orders. Orders are incomplete and she has let multiple motions go unaddressed. Our Parenting Coordinator has submitted multiple reports that Judge Svoboda has never signed or reviewed and she has missed many deadlines.

During our hearing Judge Svoboda was not even clear on what the issues were that were being heard and had zero control of the courtroom. Judge Svoboda is doing a disservice to AZ families and children.

**Hon. Tim Thomason**

**529**

[Litigant] Lack of review of prior evidence. Did not read pretrial statements. Denied right to go to Court of appeals. Denied right of extension for new counsel even when only 30 days left. Granted emergency temporary orders without a Court motion.

**530**

[Court Staff] Appears emotional and biased. Worked in same law office with one parties attorney, did not disclose and appeared biased in favor of party who shared law office. Seems knowledgeable about law unfortunately choses to do his own thing instead. Harmful to society.

**531**

[Court Staff] Do not vote for him. He is a waste of tax payer money. He sides with money. Crooked celebrities. He is on the side of Hollywood dirty money and not hard working tax payers from his own state. Vote him out. Before he allows you to be ripped off. One sided and has no clue about moral values. I feel sorry for his children, grandkids, wife, cause a mockery was made in His courtroom and he allowed a felon who isnt from this state and cannot voter to win over a hard working man who voted for him . Our system is a joke

**532**

[Litigant] As a citizen of Arizona. I lost a case with this judge. The celebrity Tiny Lister lied and won. JUDGE Thomason agreed in this felon who didnt even know why he went to prison. THOMASON WILL NEVER GET MY VOTE ILL SEE TO THAT HE NEVER GETS TO WEAR THAT ROBE AGAIN. Our system is broken and lives can be ruined by celebrities who are above the law

**533**

[Other]Observation in a child custody case. I found Timothy Tomlinson to be rude, one-sided and condescending. I absolutely did not see any fairness in anyway or the ability to be objective. This judge was clearly bias I felt so sorry for the person who is trying to get fairness in allowing them to express their situation. If it was me I would've gotten a different judge.

**534**

[Criminal Defense Attorney] Remains on case despite conflict of interest with attorney. Unjudicial. Believed to be dangerous for children involved in family court.

**535**

[Civil Litigation-Private] Ignores caselaw and statute and rules. Abhorrent treatment of people on the stand and off it. Extreme unjudicial.

**Hon. Peter Thompson\***

**536**

[Other] MESA MALE , if that doesn't say it all ! he did not read the case by the moron answer .  
rubber stamp a monkey can do .  
he needs to stop playing favorites with the temple trotters !

**537**

[Litigant] This judge has absolutely no idea how to be fair or impartial. He took my ex-husbands word for everything even though I submitted proof and evidence proving my ex-husband was lying. The judge completely disregarded all of my exhibits and my evidence and he flat-out denied every request I ever made to the court in the year-and-a-half he was precuding over our divorce. He gave my ex-husband custody of our daughter even though I as well as my two other children testified as to the abuse they endured from my ex-husband for years. What kind of judge gives a child abuser custody???? He is horribly, horribly unfair and extremely bias. I could sense the judge didn't like me from day one so I believe this is why he gave my husband everything he asked for. I got completely screwed in every way in this divorce thanks to this unfair and unethical judge. In my opinion he should not be on the bench. I have filed a complaint with the Commission on judicial conduct and I highly encourage anyone else who's had a problem with this judge to do the same. By the looks of all these negative reviews I'm not the only one who has an issue with him. Shame on you judge Thompson for giving my abusive ex-husband custody even though you knew he abused me and my kids. I truly don't know how you can look yourself in the mirror!!

**538**

[Other] This judge doesn't seem to be interested in doing his job. He has allowed the mother of my child and her fiancée to alienate me for years. I have filed motion after motion to try to get enforcement. This judge has FORCED me to dismiss my motion for contempt by threatening to "remove all the parental rights from one of you and give them to the other." -as he looked me in the eyes. I no longer have a relationship with my son, have lost my job as a Police Officer, and am falling further behind on child support because I cant pay that plus all the court fees. He allows my son's mother to lie on the record and does nothing. He turns everything back on me. I work for the Government and she's a server- but I need to do more to provide. Makes sense. There is nothing honorable about this Judge.

**539**

[Other] this man is completely clueless to what is in the best interests of a child. if anything happens to my child while in the care of the other parent,I hold him personally responsible. he should be ashamed of himself.

540

[Other] Judge Thompson is unethical to say the least. He rules according to his beliefs and does not view the facts. He makes prejudice statements, I do not understand how he is still on the bench.

541

[Other] This judge listened only to the lies of the mother who did not file the proper paperwork and should have lost by default. This judge is the absolute worse at caring for the child's best interest

**Hon. David K. Udall**

542

[Litigant] Judge Udall was biased against me because I was representing myself and the other party was an attorney represented by another attorney. He denied my motions, which were supported by facts, rules, and case law, and granted all their motions, which were poorly justified. He ignored the other party's unethical conduct and allowed them to serve me by publication, which did not even comply with the requirements. The case was dismissed for lack of prosecution and he reinstated it without proper justification. He violated my rights in the process.

543

[Other] Didn't give my hearing on a Pro Per Motion for Release within 3 days as the law clearly states is required.

Instead he left me to sit and rot in jail for over a month till my next scheduled hearing date.

This guy is a clown and needs to be voted out!

544

[Other] This Judge denied all my motion because the opposite party was a large bank. He fully sided the bank without paying any attention to the proofs of breach of contracts and fraudulent bank practices.

545

[Civil Litigation-Private] This judge, when our attorney appeared before him in person, did not even address our attorney. He sent his assistant to get the paperwork, had our attorney wait outside, and sent his assistant back out with a response of "denied, denied" with no explanation. Not only was our request for a TRO denied, but he did not even allow for a hearing on the merits. Not even an "I'm too busy now, come back after the holidays." He manifested a total lack of interest in the merits of the case, and an absolutely arrogant disregard for professional courtesy.

**Hon. Maria del Mar Verdin**

546

[Litigant] Judge Maria Del Mar Verdin was the most biased, prejudiced, incompetent, unethical and incompetent judge I have ever encountered. A complete mockery of justice.

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[Civil Litigation-Gov't] After sitting in her courtroom all day She is the most prejudiced, incompassionate hanging judge i've ever met.

**Hon. Danielle Viola\***

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[Other] Her demeanor may initially come across as polite but often she is short and will interrupt parties. She assumes a position and refuses to budge when provided more information that proves otherwise. Viola can't be incorrect and appears to need to be the "brightest in the room." Acts pompous and privileged. So cold and often ending hearings by leaving behind a trail of ice. Viola's facial expressions cut deep. Better bring your hearing aides or a tape recorder because if you ask her to repeat herself, you'll get that unforgiving attitude. Heaven forbid you miss what she says. Be cautious going into her court room because you'll never know if she will be hot or cold.

**Judge Joseph C. Welty\***

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[Civil Litigation-Private] Falls below what is expected of a judge and the judicial system. Does not follow the law or the rules. Judicial temperament is highly questionable. Significant delays in ruling on motions, which causes substantial prejudice to the parties.

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[Criminal Defense Attorney] Generally a very poor judge. If he has taken a dislike, he will not rule in your favor. Worse yet, he will not apply the plain language of the law. This judge you strike unless you want uphill battles. If you have an Order from the judge, read it a few times. They are poorly written with no factual support which leads to filing more motions i.e. clarification and/or reconsideration.

**Hon. Roy Whitehead\***

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[Other] Completely pro father and doesn't even follow what he orders to be done. In my experience he still sided with father even after father openly admitted to not following court orders or even spending time with child. He completely ignored documents showing father is unfit

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] In my experience he was not a fair and balanced judge

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[Other] Doesn't think for himself and truly assess each case on an individual basis. Instead follows basic protocol, even at the expense of the child. Have a 17 year old that is being forced into therapeutic intervention even though her noncustodial parent was extremely abusive.

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[Litigant] Extremely biased against mothers. Completely pro father. Continuously entertains motions based on hearsay, even after proven to be lies and proven unsubstantiated. Ripped a baby away from a perfectly fit mother, who has other children full time from a previous relationship. Obviously doesn't care about the best interest of the child. Complete disgrace to AZ Judicial system and has killed my faith in Arizona's legal proceedings. Thanks for ruining the lives of not just one child, but many others. I'm not sure how this judge sleeps at night.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Biased and discriminatory against Mother's versus fathers. Very lazy abc doesn't prepare for trial by reading presented documents. He is rude, unkind and crass

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[Litigant] Doesn't make tough decisions always says matter under advisement also he doesn't really look at what the allowed expenses are on someone's child support as he messed upon child support calculation. Going through a crazy custody battle where my ex keeps allegations after allegations and all have been shut down and this guy keeps entertaining it by not allowing kid to see father. He will not invest any of his time to probably one of his most complex cases as it requires believing one over other he only wants black and white decisions and this is far from that case. Run if you have a complex case he doesn't have the ability to handle it and if he does hope, he starts acting like it soon as it's been over a year and there is no viable police report other than all unsubstantiated cases!!!!!!

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] This judge has gone against several Arizona Revised Statutes in my family case. He has no regard for the well-being of the children. There was a 3rd-party recommendation which was completely ignored. My advice? CHANGE JUDGES while you can. He comes from a criminal background and knows NOTHING about family court. What a disservice to my children.

558

[Litigant] He could not even understand a basic motion and was confused who filed what. Run for your life if you are assigned this judge.

**Judge Christopher Whitten\***

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[Litigant] Very biased towards fathers. Easily manipulated by manipulative types. Easily wooed by fathers with careers and most importantly repeatedly does not act in the best interest of children. He does not hold fathers accountable who defy previous court orders or who do not act in the best interest of children.

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[Other] This judge runs a circus, does not put the interests of a child ahead of his own bias for fathers. A father with a criminal background, which this judge refused to consider, and who had chosen not to meet his son until court, was given preference over a mother who was working to solely support the child. He was afraid of this ruling which cost the mother a lot of money and resolved nothing. I am thoroughly disgusted with this judge. He emboldened a criminal father.

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[Litigant] This judge is a complete mockery of the entire judicial system. He refuses to follow the law, and is completely incapable of administering justice. His rulings are based on personal bias and prejudice. The best interests of the child do not even cross his mind. It is apparent why he could not make it private practice -- now taxpayers get to pay for his inability to follow the law. Why is it that judges have no accountability for their actions?

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[Litigant] He is hands down the worst excuse for a judge that I have ever seen. If a negative rating was possible on this site, I would pick it instead of a 1. From his sloppy, unkempt appearance to his inability to be punctual, to count, spell or write correctly, to follow the law, rule according to the law or handle complex case issues whatsoever, he is truly pathetic! If you happen to be unlucky enough to get him on assignment, run quickly and fire him immediately. Or, you can always spend two years and thousands of dollars in appeals to finally oust his worthless hide! You've been adequately warned, so appear at your own risk. Trust me, you don't want this guy ruling on so much as a parking ticket.

**Hon. Eileen Willett\***

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[Other] Does not remember from one court date to next. Does not understand what is being said by both prosecutor and defense attorney her mind was made up before anyone pled their case. The defendant is not like the case against them. All she heard was the erroneous complaint written and agreed to as erroneous by FBI and prosecutor.

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[Criminal Defense Lawyer] Judge Willet had a real hard time hiding her contempt for men. With regards to her family law work it is very apparent that any dad that was unlucky enough to go in front of her was sure to get slaughtered. She exhibits the worst case of reverse sexism I've ever witnessed! Someone really needs to call her on this, and remove her from the bench.

[Other] It's very apparent that this judge has a strong dislike and contempt for men. Someone really needs to look her case history. I'm certain that she would lean heavily in favor of women over men; especially in regards to her work in family court. It has been brought to my attention that when all things were equal, most all of the cases that she ruled on, the men were slaughtered by her. She's the worst case of prejudice..... Reverse sexism / man hater.

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[Other] This judge is showing too much bias in favor of the mother in a child custody case, and is very punitive towards the father in terms of visitation, based on information that has yet to be corroborated. It has been a struggle to get a court date to hear the evidence in the case. (Five months was the latest appointment.) The judge seems disinterested in expediting any hearings, despite the lack of evidence against the father.

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[Other] This is the worst judge that I have ever witnessed. We were told that she was a man-hater before trial by other attorneys, and she proved that to be true. She does not give fathers a fair voice in the matter of child custody, and is very, very biased in favor of the mothers!

**Hon. Craig Wismer**

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[Other] sure seems like he wants to side with the powers that be . he ran unopposed if that tells you how he got in, surely , someone needs to give him a run for his money

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[Other] his Judge does not seem to review or spend time reviewing the documents. tends to be pro corp pro debt collectors and out of his element.

**Attachment E (Non-Arizona Judges-Derogatory comments\* from [the website].)**

**(\*an asterisk indicates that the judge also has favorable comments)**

**(1) Excerpts from Comments on New York Judges with names starting with S:**

**Hon. Mary Anne Scattaretico-Naber**

(Civil Litigation-Private)

“I foundv this judge to be biased. She did not do any research into the case file... Just went off hear say.”

**Hon. Catherine C. Schaewe**

(Civil Litigation-Private)

“Arrogant with no interest in understanding the parties, case history and legal issues. Make threats from the bench that are totally unreasonable and unjustified.”

(Civil Litigation-Private)

“Snarky, self-important attitude from the bench.”

**Hon. Alan D. Scheinkman**

(Civil Litigation-Private)

“Yes, he's terrible. I believe he intentionally misstates the facts in his decisions in order to justify his mean-spiritedness and unfairness. He probably thinks he's a tough guy, but he's just an unhappy bully.”

(Civil Litigation-Private)

“No one thinks nearly as highly of Justice Scheinkman as Justice Scheinkman thinks of himself. Why listen to other people when he can listen to himself. He has absolutely no regard for the litigants and is an embarrassment to our court system.”

(Civil Litigation-Private)

“I agree with the second comment. Scheinkman is, frankly, one of the worst judges before whom I have had the displeasure of appearing. He is incredibly arrogant, and is frequently demeaning to lawyers. I have also seen him shift from arbitrary obnoxiousness to cool respect in a split second, when suddenly confronted with lawyers from "big Manhattan firms." His pretrial rulings are frequently ridiculous, and seem calculated more to show his power than to aid in the administration of justice. His new "rules" have basically ruined the Weschester Courthouse, and the administration of those rules is totally unpredictable and inconsistent. I now advise clients to avoid this Court, and I try to do so myself when possible.”

## **Hon. Ruth Scherer**

(Criminal Defense Attorney)

“There are many bad judges, but this judge may be the worst.”

## **Hon. Jean T. Schneider**

(Civil Litigation-Private)

“picks sides if your tenant has money you are screwed. cant do enough for poor people or landlords that are Major players in the City. cant handle attorneys who are zealous in defense of their clients and will not put up with her pretentious intellectual bullying”

(Other)

“DENIED DUE PROCESS, LIED ON THE BENCH, SIDED WITH ALLEGED LANDLORDS AND DENIED ALL THE EVIDENCE. THIS WOMAN IS A HEARTLESS CRIMINAL EXECUTING UNLAWFUL EVICTIONS. Does not uphold the Conatitution and does not record the hearings, court sessions.”

(Other)

“this judge doesn't even want to uphold the constitution”

(Criminal Defense Attorney)

“She can produce gross injustice. Picks sides. Can produce gross injustice.”

(Criminal Defense Attorney)

“Only gave her a 1 because there was nothing lower to give”

(Other)

Comments:

“Never expected to hear a Judge to say he was sorry for uphold the Constitution. This is a really really really bad judge and should be removed from the brech”

(Other)

“No good!

Callous,vindictive, displays bold bias in her writings and demeanor at 111 Centre street-nyc This judge was a major contributor to escalating homelessness.

She will put you in the streets with just the clothes on your back!”

(Other)

“Judge Schneider has a poor sense of ethics.”

## **Hon. Melvin Schweitzer\***

(Civil Litigation-Private)

“Possibly the worst sitting judge in NYC Supreme. An intellectual wasteland. Responds imperiously and frivolously to complex issues. Only interest is getting out in a hurry and doing as little work as possible. Woe to the litigant who lands in his court.”

(Civil Litigation-Private)

“this judge never shows up in court, and his assistant PJ Wilker is for all practical purposes the judge. He takes little interest in the cases and is intellectually vacant”

(Criminal Defense Attorney)

“Schweitzer also sits on the Supreme Court. In this capacity he delegates all of the Court functions to his law Secretary, Philip Jay Wilker. Wilker's job is to clear the docket. A recent First Department Decision reversing Schweitzer, indicates that Schweitzer held that the interests of justice required that the case be tried in France because some of the documents were in French. Schweitzer never appears in Court and litigants are never allowed to go on the record absent a rare trial. Wilker is then free to strong arm litigants. Wilker is also the Principal Law Clerk for the Court of Claims and has been for years -- and thus wields significant power. The courts function is to go home early.”

## **(2) Excerpts on Comments on Judges from Clark County, Washington:**

### **Hon. Suzan L. Clark\***

(Other)

“This judge routinely Calls People out for political views. She is racist and prejudiced.”

### **Hon. John Fairgrieve\***

(Litigant)

“Judge Fairgrieve was the judge in my divorce case. I cannot give him a positive rating. He was not thorough in examining evidence, he made gross mathematical errors that resulted in my business going under. He seemed more concerned with covering up the courts mistakes than what was actually in the best interest of our children. He allowed perjury and when it was shown to him point blank he refused to acknowledge it. He seemed completely biased towards my ex. He seemed annoyed annoyed that I had to represent myself and he seemed to make decisions with his ego rather than actually review what was in front of him. He cost three people their jobs and he ruined our kids childhood. He even refused to take himself off the case when we discovered we were neighbors. Now that its over, he wants me to doctor shop until I can find a counselor who will tell him he was right and that I have the problems my ex accused me of having but I none of the counselors agree so he tells me I have to find someone else. It's a never ending loop of hell, all because he can't acknowledge his mistakes.”

## **Hon. Gregory M. Gonzales\***

(Other)

"This judge displayed an appalling lack of sensitivity to family members of a homicide victim that I came to support recently. He seemed to have more concern for the perpetrator than the victim's family. He allowed the perpetrator's family member to speak lies, half-truths and gross exaggerations while the victim's family was repeatedly admonished for merely trying to address the role that the perp played in violently ending their loved one's life. I've never witnessed anything quite like it. I can tell you the family was shaken, and they'd already been through quite a lot."

(Litigant)

"Allowed so many filter the whole truth and nothing but the truth was impossible to reveal"

(Litigation-Private)

"Judge Gonzales has a bias towards Hispanic litigants, no matter whether the litigants have the best case under the law and the facts. It is difficult to explain this to clients when they lose in his courtroom following this skewed perception."

(Other)

"Skilled Judge with low ethical threshold"

## **Hon. James E. Rulli\***

(Criminal Defense Attorney)

"When my son said 'Dad I want to live with you,' Rulli turned us into felons. Close-minded, inept, destructive, impervious to reason, ignored wife's admitting she suffers stress related illness. Let Jean Waller lie again as usual. Ignored Stankhe's favorable ruling, ignored report cards, police reports, medical reports and forced son against his will back in other house.

Ignored provocation at my house, I finally lost it. Puts trashed son back in my custody when it predictably fell apart within 7 months. Came after me for judicial intimidation -Judge Poyfair spoke in my defence but my attorney Steven Sowards covers up Rulli's incompetence to jury and insisted I not testify.

This court utterly trashed my kids and I over 8 years of hell in this inquisition, kangaroo court that is unaccountable, does not enforce the law, and can come after anyone they want. The new America, folks. now, you see it everywhere. They are a disgrace as people and there's no one to turn for help."

(Civil Litigation-Private)

"I would agree with the previous comment. He is a gender-biased judge. If you are a male seeking custody or at least fair visitations with your child- forget it. This judge let our son be essentially kidnapped to another state, where we only see him 4 times-a- year. Since then, our son has now been molested by a member of his birth mother's family. Way to go, not-so-Honorable Judge Rulli."

(Litigant)

“This judge is lazy and gender-biased, and allowed multiple violations of orders without holding a woman in contempt.”

**Comm. Carin Schienberg\***

(Litigant)

“This ‘commissioner’ should be disbarred. Her rulings are inconsistent and she is not able to meet her commitments on making a ruling. She refuses to be objective to both men and women, as well as, with other attorneys. She will allow the attorney she likes to break protocols but doesn't give the same flexibility to others. She single-highhandedly has ruined my perception that court rooms are fair and just. She uses too much discretion depending on her mood. I witnessed several questionable rulings while sitting in on her dockets.”

(Other)

“Why is this monster allowed to keep working? the damage she does by not listening to women and allowing psychopathic abusers to continue to abuse their victims and children is horrifying. How much money does she take in bribes?”

(Other)

“She doesn’t want the truth she has her mind made up before she hears anything. Doesn’t allow my lawyer to tell his side. Allows the opposing attorney to state things that are not present just hear say. No facts are considered she just does what she wants. She needs to be under watch by a higher judge. She is a awful. unprofessionally and by far unjust!”

(Other)

“She doesn't look at the facts when you point somebody out that is definitely in contempt of court she will not act upon it she likes to say she likes to give them a warning but yet you come back to her courtroom a year later she won't take that warning that she's given in the past towards the current case shows bias.

I have talked to other men that have the same issue with the commissioner.”

(Other)

“This ‘Judge’ is horrible. She thinks a mother taking her kids from their Dad, who was withholding them from her is very traumatic for the kids. However, she doesn't think having a sheriff drag the kids out of the mother's home is not traumatic. Beware if you get this Commissioner. She is not fair, does not look over your evidence and rules in favor of Respondent. She makes decision based on the restraining order only and not documents that have been submitted as rebuttal. She ended up leaving the kids with their alcoholic father who does nothing for them. Good Luck if you get her.”

(Other)

“Horrid experience. She made inappropriate jokes and assumptions. She was very bias and unprofessional. I felt as if she did not take the time to read our case. She actually proved she did not read the case by stating we both were pointing fingers about drug allegations so I got stuck paying for a

drug test I never asked him to take. When trying to explain anything or inform her on anything she completely shuts you down and doesn't let you speak. It was beyond frustrating and really makes you lose faith in our judicial system."

(Other)

"She refused to listen to my lawyer speak a full sentence. DSHS and the Sheriff's department found me not guilty of child abuse but Schienberg refuses to remove that as the reason for restricted time with my children. She forces me to take multiple evaluations then dismiss the reports if they do not favor her opinion of me. There is no Justice in her court."

(Other)

"Judge rolls her eyes when people are testifying. Is biased and sides with DSHS Social Workers without knowing all the facts of the case."

(Other)

"One of the WORST commissioners ever. She does not let you speak. Are we not in a free country. Or we not INNOCENT until PROVEN GUILTY. My three grandchildren are in foster care because CPS AND this jerk of a COMMISSIONER tore them out of the only other home they knew. She is terrible. Her job should be taken away! My wife was falsely accused twice by my drug addicted son and an investigation was done we had all our witnesses and children that lived in the home at the interview. After the investigation the findings were that our home was safe for our grandchildren and my son even recanted his allegation and yet she still refuses to give us custody of our grand children. They are currently in Foster care. She will not let us have our grandchildren back. SHAME ON YOU!"

(Other)

"By far one of the worst people I have ever dealt with she helped rip my family apart now me and my kids are suffering with pain as two of our family members two of my kids are still sitting in the foster care system I did everything asked of me went above and beyond and she still sides with cps knowing I deserve to have all of my children and I'm not the only person I know who has gone through this or is going through this right now she needs to be stopped along with cps"

(Litigant)

"Totally pro mother even if she's destructive. Refused to enforce visitation rights in P Plan. Unleashed court animals like Jean Waller and Don Moore- Hatchet job reviews, lies, detached from reality, slander....

Thanks to her and Judge Rulli, both my children were trashed. Police reports, medical reports, reports cards DO NOT MATTER to these unaccountable government commisars. In the 21st century America! See Divorce Corp. for a documentary. My story, The Reflector 11/18/09 Boyman. And they sit there smug and proud. Disgusting vermin."

(Other)

"Commissioner Schienberg was very hostile during the hearing. She had extreme animosity toward the father in this case and was dwelling on one concern and not ones that should have been of considered..

I suppose we all have off days but her bias shone through to a great extent in this case. It was as if she had an ax to grind toward the father.”

(Civil Litigation-Private)

“This Commissioner puts children at risk, because she does not read important materials provided to the court on their behalf. Instead, she works on behalf of her cronies in the system. She is corrupt and should not be trusted as a judicial officer.”

(Other)

“‘HONORABLE’ should NOT be in front of Carin Schienberg. She is by far the WORST Family Court judge I have EVER come across. ESPECIALLY because I have been dealing with my Custody Case all Pro Se due to me lacking the funds to afford a lawyer. Carin Schienberg should be IMMEDIATELY taken off the court system. I show NO MERCY for this woman! She showed me that she is ALL IN FAVOR for lawyers.”

(Other)

“Shienberg (not honorable) is unprofessional and sloppy at best. She makes bias judgments based on conversations with attorneys held outside of the courtroom before both parties have the opportunity to present their case. She should be thrown in jail for abusing her authority.”

(Other)

“Commissioner is very biased, and has her mind made up before she knows all the facts. The facts seem to be irrelevant. Once her mind is made up, there is no changing it.”

(Criminal Defense Lawyer)

“Carin Schienberg is a horrible commissioner, she should have retired a long time ago. She is not fair and takes children from their parents and gives them to non parents on ex parte docket, which is illegal. She is biased and makes laws up as she goes to suit herself. She does not care about kids or people in general. She loves tearing families apart.”

(Litigant)

“Ms. Scheinberg is on a power trip and it is very dangerous territory in being before her in Court.

As many of these posts describe, she makes hasty, long term and very life altering decisions, in a split second.

She treats family members like criminals...this is not criminal court lady....these are every day people, dealing with very difficult legal family problems.

Schienberg dishes out Institutionlaized Abuse of our citizens, many of whom are low income and victims of abuse.

She gaffs as she removes people from their homes or property, and grunts that she does not address Property in her courtroom.

I saw her demand a woman, who had driven her partners car to court that day....be demanded to hand over his keys immediately ....but her car? In pieces in his garage, and he was not ordered to do anything to fix or hand it over. The woman left crying, with no ride home, and he then had two cars at the courthouse, and hers at home. What a bitch. She has no common sense. She deserves to be treated as such.

I mail the Governor each time she is up for appointment. Because of her I have lost nearly all of my property, pets, have a record....and I did not break one law.

Beware of Schienberg!"

(Litigant)

"I have been in the court room, several dozen times and the commissioner follows her own laws and has zero respect for the Revised Code of Washington. Her rulings are never consistent and she is constantly putting children at risk and is never on the side of the father. I have filed petitions against her for unfair rulings and have been successful in those matters.

She constantly judges pee for their past and not for the good things gs they have done since their past history. She should be removed from the bench and ordered to spend the rest of her life in isolation 1000 feet underground with nothing to eat but 2 beans and piss for the rest of her fucked up lifs. That would be justice."

(Litigant)

"I would put zero if I could. The biased, unequal nature of Judge Carin Schienberg is nothing short of disturbing. The lives of families and children are in this woman's hands. Temporary custody was just granted to my ex-husband. With his DV history, his drug history, even despite his lies in court (which I proved to be lies) the list goes on...Her reason?

'Obviously you are not taking me seriously Ms. S\*\*\*\*\*y.' I did not 'take her seriously' because I cannot afford to pay for a \$1500 up-front evaluation. But I will gladly do one if she would allow a different doctor. So she uprooted my children, took them from their school, from their home, from their siblings! She should not have the power to choose for children, for families, for anyone. She does not review paperwork, she makes up her mind before she even walks into the courtroom late! Her eye rolling, curt responses, and refusal to listen is disgusting. I could continue on about this woman for days! I wonder if she ever reads up on her reviews?"

(Civil Litigation-Private)

"The term 'Honorable' should be reserved for our military men and women. Period. NOT a biased, pompous, unmethodical and unruly Commissioner. I am referring to Carin Scheinberg. She recently directed me to physically harm my child and lock her out of my home during her father's parenting weeks. This is verbatim. She was indignant and stated she 'didn't bother to read' my child's delcaration of emotional abuse because she was a 'minor' - she is almost 16. She fined me \$100 for contempt and \$500 in legal fees. I requested a GAL, a Modification to the PP citing valid RCW's and dismissal of the attorney award as I am an unemployed mother of six children. She ignored everything I stated. We were over and done in less than 5 minutes. There were many,many pages of declarations. She obviously had

her mind made up before I even entered the court room. REMOVE THIS FALSE GOD FROM OFFICE AT ONCE!"

(Litigant)

"Saying that Scheinberg is sexually biased is a huge understatement. She commonly disregards RCW's and enforces personal ideals and opinions. She is rude, refuses to listen, and lets GAL's do her job for her with no concern of the quality or thoroughness of their work. Clark county GAL program is the laughing stock of WA state. No format and noone to answer to regarding quality of work. When deciding the fate of families, ignorance and personal opinions have no place in the courtroom. In my case alone she has violated 7 rules of WA state judicial conduct rules in canon 1 and canon 2.

Save our tax dollars and spare our families. Scheinberg needs to be removed from office. I am just another victim. My appeal is in the works. I hope i get an actual judge who enforces RCW's instead of a power tripping 'God' imposing her will."

(Other)

"Does not read cases beforehand or become familiar with circumstances. Regularly lost paperwork. Does not listen to people, but interrupts regularly in a way that does not improve understanding. Stated to court that there were a lot of cases and not time to read everything."

(Civil Litigation-Private)

"I have been before her on several cases, big difference if my client is a female vs male.

The overall talk is she has it out for men. Maybe this is why she is not married and has no children of her own.

If you want change, appeal every decision she renders and things will change."

(Criminal Defense Lawyer)

"she does not apply herself with each case. just goes with the flow. i think shes lost justice. now its just us"

(Civil Litigation-Private)

"Has favorites who receive beneficial rulings. Is regularly not prepared for court. Loses her temper easily. Yells at attorneys and pro se litigants regularly. Make rulings without basis in the law. "Shoots from the hip" when making decisions. Known as 'Judge Judy' by local practitioners."

### **Hon. Bernard F. Veljacic\***

(Civil Litigation-Private)

"This so-called Judge is sexist and extremely abusive. Beware before going before him--he is a political hack and does not know the law, nor does he apply the law even-handedly. Best advice is to try and find a different Judge."