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### **ARIZONA SUPREME COURT CENSURES PAGE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

PHOENIX. The Commission on Judicial Conduct announced today that on August 23, 2018, the Arizona Supreme Court censured Page Justice of the Peace Donald G. Roberts for misconduct while in office.

Judge Roberts' censure arises out of his role in allowing a court employee to simultaneously work for the court, and for court-service providers. Specifically, Judge Roberts knowingly permitted his bailiff to work for court service providers Wise Choice Alternatives and SCRAM of Arizona Inc. The bailiff received monetary compensation from those providers when he performed services for them pursuant to court orders issued by Judge Roberts.

The Supreme Court's decision was based on a stipulated resolution between disciplinary counsel and Judge Roberts, in which Judge Roberts stipulated that his conduct violated Rules 1.2, 1.3, and 2.12(A) of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct and constituted conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute, a violation of Article 6.1, Section 4, of the Arizona Constitution.

The public record in this matter is available on the commission's website via the following link: <https://www.azcourts.gov/portals/137/reports/2017/17-084.pdf>

The commission is an independent state agency with disciplinary jurisdiction over all state and local judges. It is comprised of six judges, two attorneys, and three public members. The commission investigates complaints and submits recommendations in formal cases to the Arizona Supreme Court for final decision.

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