

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 06-026

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Complainant: No. 0308110518A

Judge: No. 0308110518B

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**ORDER**

The Commission on Judicial Conduct reviewed the incident reported by the judge and found no misconduct. The judge, upon learning that a picture showing him with the campaign supporters of another public official might be published, immediately notified the commission and provided a copy of the article which demonstrated that the judge's face was almost indistinguishable in the photograph. The judge realized that the photograph might imply that he supported the campaign of another public official, which is prohibited by the Code of Judicial Conduct.

The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rule 16(a).

Dated: April 3, 2006.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Keith Stott  
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on April 3, 2006.

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

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Judicial Department  
State of Arizona

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January 20, 2006

[redacted] Executive Director  
State of Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct  
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This is to confirm a telephone conversation with a staff person in your office earlier this week, in which I self-reported an possible ethical violation.

Enclosed is the [redacted] edition of [redacted] a Spanish language newspaper in the [redacted] area. On page [redacted] is a photograph regarding a [redacted] fundraiser for [redacted] a candidate for [redacted] of [redacted] Arizona. I am in the photograph. I circled my head. The quality of the picture is such that I am unrecognizable. A translation of the caption is stapled below the picture.

The picture of me is probably a violation of Canon 5A(1) (b) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. it was suggested during my conversation with your staff that I write the newspaper, telling them that no public endorsement was intended, which is true. However, since my name is not mentioned in the caption and the picture of me is unrecognizable, it seems to me that it might be best to leave well enough alone. Please advise.

In so far if possible, I will avoid having my picture taken in any future situations of this nature.

Sincerely,

[redacted]