

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 06-034

Complainant: No. 0308110227A

Judge: No. 0308110227B

ORDER

The Commission on Judicial Conduct reviewed the issues raised by the judge and found no misconduct in this case. The judge, upon learning that her name and official title had been used in a brochure designed to raise funds for a local college, immediately instructed the group responsible for the brochure to remove her name and to obtain permission before using her name in any future publications. She also notified the commission about the incident. The commission determined that the judge acted appropriately under the circumstances.

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

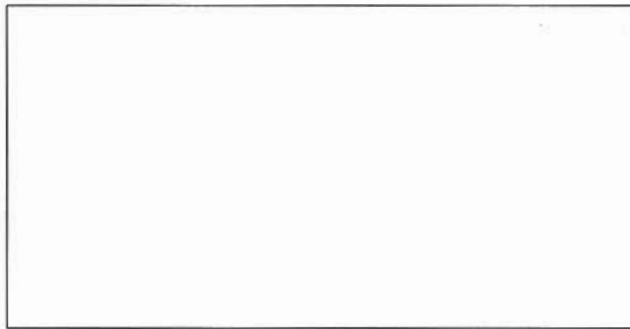
Dated: March 31, 2006.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Keith Stott
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on March 31, 2006.

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



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January 27, 2006

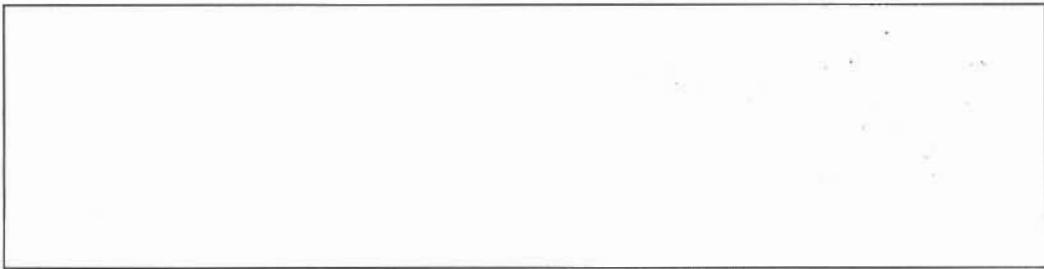
Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Attention E. Keith Stott, Jr:

I am sending you information along with this letter regarding an incident that I was concern about the appearance and I have since written a letter to correct. I am also sending you a copy of the letter with those corrections. As a Judicial Officer (Judge) I feel I am obligated to self report this incident.

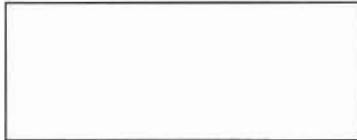
If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at any time at my office Thank You.





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January 23, 2006



Dear Mr. [redacted]

Please be informed that I am writing this letter to request your cooperation regarding my serious concern when I learned that that my name had been listed on the newly generated [redacted] Brochure, [redacted]. This brochure was distributed at our [redacted] Meeting on Saturday, [redacted]. As you know, I left the meeting early, due to a prior commitment. Later that day, my sister, [redacted] reviewed the materials and she informed me that not only was my name listed but also the brochure appears to promote fundraising for [redacted]. I am not sure if this brochure's primary purpose is for fundraising and/or that it was your intention. Nevertheless, it creates a problem, given that I did not give you or any other representative at [redacted] permission to use my name on this particular brochure.

This situation creates a dilemma for me and the office I uphold. As you know I am a Judicial Officer, (Judge) who abides by the Arizona Judicial Code of Conduct. As Judges we are not permitted to participate in any fundraising activities; please refer to the specific language in the Arizona Judicial Code of Conduct, Cannon 4 below: Cannon 4

(4) (A)

(A) A judge should not solicit funds for any educational, religious, charitable, fraternal, or civic organization, or use or permit the use of the prestige of office for that purpose, but a judge may be listed as an officer, director, or trustee of such an organization, so long as the listing is not used for fund-raising purposes.

If you recall, when you approached me about volunteering for the [redacted] in [redacted] [redacted] I informed you, at that time, that I would be willing to volunteer and participate on committees for the [redacted] as long as it did not have any activity relating to "fundraising." At that time you reassured me this would not be a problem and I could participate in other projects or committees that would not involve fundraising.

Therefore, I am asking that you please rectify this error ASAP, by removing my name from this brochure immediately. Also, I would appreciate it if you would in the future; seek my permission first, before listing my name on any publication. Also, would you please, respond to me today, if possible, to let me know how you will rectify this error?

It is important to me as an elected official that I sustain my commitment to serve my community and serve those who elected me to this office; by "Upholding the Integrity and Independence of the Judiciary" and by following the Arizona Judicial Code of Conduct.



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Your immediate attention to this matter is appreciated.

