

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 06-253

Complainant: Self-reported

Judge: Eve A. Parks

ORDER

After reviewing the complaint and the evidence, the commission found that the commissioner's conduct in this case violated the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Canon 3B(4) of the code requires that a judge be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants. During the default dissolution hearing described in the complaint, the judge became angry with one of the parties, argued with him from the bench in a condescending and accusatory manner, and raised her voice in a manner inconsistent with the canon. This conduct is unacceptable.

Accordingly, the commissioner is hereby reprimanded for her conduct pursuant to Rule 17(a), and the record in this case shall be made public as required by Rule 9(a).

Dated: February 20, 2007.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ John C. Gemmill _____
Hon. John C. Gemmill
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were mailed
to the judge on February 20, 2007.

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A superior court commissioner called the commission to report possible misconduct as instructed by her presiding judge. The commission opened a complaint on its own motion to investigate the commissioner's conduct. There is no original complaint as such.

Eve Parks
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December 13, 2006

Judicial Performance Committee Members

Re: Response 06-253

Thank you for the opportunity to respond in this matter. After reviewing the transcript and FTR CD of the hearing in question, I have no doubt that the Committee members viewed my conduct as impatient toward the Respondent. I am truly sorry that I was impatient that day with the Respondent and what I believed was his unwillingness to pay child support for his minor child.

Having looked at the FTR CD, the only excuse I can offer is that I can tell from the furrowing of my brow that I was experiencing a severe migraine headache at the time of the hearing. Knowing how difficult it was to locate substitute Pro Tem Commissioners at the last minute I went on the bench anyway. This was probably an ill advised decision. I truly regret any problems that may have been caused as a result of this imprudent decision.

In any event, I feel that I have already been harshly punished for a momentary lapse in judgment particularly viewed in the context of my entire eight years of service to the Court and the people of Maricopa County.

Sincerely,



Eve Parks