

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 07-078

Complainant: No. 1305910326A

Judge: No. 1305910326B

ORDER

The commission reviewed the complaint filed in this matter and found no ethical misconduct on the part of the judge. Although the judge arranged for the attorneys to attend the forum, neither the judge nor her staff contacted the juveniles who participated on the panel, and no ex parte communications occurred.

The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Dated: June 14, 2007.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Keith Stott
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on June 14, 2007.

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

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Your name: judge's name: Date: 3/15/07

Instructions: Describe in your own words what the judge did that you believe constitutes misconduct. Please provide all of the important names, dates, times and places related to your complaint. You can use this form or plain paper of the same size to explain your complaint, and you may attach additional pages. Do not write on the back of any page. You may attach copies of any documents you believe will help us understand your complaint.

On contract counsel in were notified by this Judge that we needed to attend a CLE on I have attached her e-mail, and the notice about this brown bag. We arrived to discover a panel of Juveniles, some of whom were in active cases. They were apparently there to discuss their attorney-client communications. As it turned out, the attorneys representing the children were apparently not notified or consulted about their appearance on this panel. I have attached my e-mail to complaining about this process. This Judge was a presenter and asked questions about certain communications the minors had with their attorneys about the dependency process. I did not notice if other Judges were present. I do not know if any of the panelists had active cases in front of this Judge. None of the panelists to my knowledge were or have been my client. The names of the panelists were not given. I have requested information about who talked to the Juveniles in setting up the panel, and my questions have not been answered. In light of the fact that the attorneys representing the clients were not notified of their clients participation in the panel I do not see how this Judge could not have received ex-parte information about active cases, and potentially active cases in front of her. I cannot see how this could have happened without a lawyer communicating with represented clients in violation of ER 4.2.

(Attach additional sheets as needed)