

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 07-288

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Complainant: No. 1322410716A

Judge: No. 1322410716B

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**ORDER**

The commission reviewed the complaint filed in this matter and determined that the judge did not knowingly violate the ethical canons. Accordingly, the commission voted to dismiss the case and issue a private comment to the judge.

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

Dated: July 14, 2008.

FOR THE COMMISSION

    /s\ Keith Stott      
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on July 14, 2008.

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

CJC-07-288

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

EMP  
Date: 11-4-07

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 [redacted] a hearing was scheduled in [redacted] in [redacted] for oral argument. This hearing was re-scheduled from a previous hearing that was scheduled in front of Judge [redacted] in Small Claims Court. Judge [redacted] ruled that Defendant [redacted] had 20 days to file a Motion to Set Aside Default Judgement dated [redacted].

On [redacted] Judge [redacted] had ordered a Judgement against [redacted] for failing to comply within the 20 days to answer the Judgement, in accordance to the rules established by Small Claims Court. This violation of Judge [redacted] actions warrant review since we are the plaintiffs (victims). Judge Moore further coached Defendant [redacted] to personally request him as the Judge at the next hearing. This appears to be outside of the scope of a bipartisan judge, and unethical. This matter was held in Justice Court as opposed to being heard in Small Claims Court. This <sup>case</sup> transfer~~red~~ occurred without our previous knowledge. No minute entry of the change of venue was ever sent to us. It appears Judge [redacted] should have returned the case to Small Claims Court, as opposed to being heard in Justice Court.