

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 08-002

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Complainant: No. 1325400163A

Judge: No. 1325400163B

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**ORDER**

The commission reviewed the complaint filed in this matter as well the CD recording of the hearing in this matter and found no ethical misconduct on the part of the judge.

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

Dated: March 27, 2008.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Keith Stott  
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on March 27, 2008.

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

accusations. Much to my amazement, let her continue to ramble on for the course of the hearing even though what she was saying was not relevant to the situation. It seemed that was sympathetic to my husband's family but had nothing but disdain for me. I knew in my heart that she was going to rule against me even though I also knew that according to law, I have the right to move my husband's body. I have absolutely no idea why she was so biased against me even though I have tried to figure it out in the months since the hearing. gave her ruling and said that even though the law states that I have priority regarding my husband's remains that I knew what the situation was when I let him be buried there and that she would not grant me an order to move him. I DIDN'T know all of the details at the time. Many were kept from me by my husband's family and I was too grief stricken and numb to question things. Documents were signed that I was never made privy to and those documents would have definitely changed my mind about my ultimate, final decision. Even the cemetery personnel agreed that what family did to me was wrong and that I clearly had the ONLY rights when it came to my husband's remains. I feel that failed to live up to the ethical standards that her position dictates she adhere to and that she acted in a biased manner for whatever reason. I know that I felt her hostility from the moment that she walked into the courtroom and I could feel the obvious sympathy and compassion she had for my husband's family, too. She asked me why it had taken me two years to bring this to court and I told her that I have been trying to resolve it without having to take such drastic measures. I explained to her that on two occasions I attempted to facilitate an exchange of burial plots and that parents flat out refused. When the commissioner gave her ruling, my mother-in-law mumbled under her breath "Just let him rest in peace" and I told her "Do you really think that what you're doing is going to enable him to rest in peace? You know he wouldn't have wanted you to do this to me." My husband was not close to his family and this was always blamed on me. even included this information in her ramblings and I just sat there in shock, wondering why a judge in a court of law would allow something so blatantly irrelevant to be said. I was doomed from the beginning and I feel that treatment of me was *biased*, unethical and worthy of censure. I also plan to bring up on perjury charges for her blatant lying under oath.

I ask that be held accountable for this not entirely for my sake but to ensure that she doesn't cause pain like this to grieving people again. A courtroom is no place for biases and taking sides, no matter how you feel personally. If she had made her decision based on the merits of the case, I would be willing to accept that but she didn't do this. There was clearly bias and taking sides here and I feel she needs to answer for this.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

It has taken me this long to compose this letter so that it would be my very best effort. This has been a very traumatic experience for my daughter and me.

December 20, 2007

CJC-08-002

On \_\_\_\_\_, I filed a Petition for Order Allowing Disinternment and Reinternment in Superior Court. This petition was regarding the remains of my late husband, \_\_\_\_\_ is buried in a plot that his parents, \_\_\_\_\_ hold the burial rights to and I wished to have him moved to my own plot that I had purchased. My husband died on \_\_\_\_\_ and at the time I did not have a place to bury him. He died at the age of \_\_\_\_\_ very sudden and unexpectedly. My in-laws offered me one of the two plots that they have in \_\_\_\_\_. I accepted their offer but always with the intention in mind that I would move him at a later date since I could not be buried with him in this plot. I did not know that due to the level that he was to be buried on that he could not be moved per restrictions set forth by the cemetery (for safety issues). My in-laws signed a document acknowledging it but I was never shown this document or I would have found an alternate arrangement before giving up my right to be buried with him at some point.

I immediately spoke with the cemetery personnel about getting a plot of my own so that I could have him moved. The transaction went through and then I was told that he couldn't be moved (after I had completed the transaction) This incident alone shows that I was never aware of the fact that he couldn't be moved or why would I have spent the money to buy a plot that would be useless to me? I went to the manager of the cemetery to try and find out what I could do and they said that I needed to get a court order because their rules would not allow him to be moved.

My next step was to have my attorney send a letter to my in-laws offering to switch plots with them as well as to purchase a new marker for them as well. They refused and sent a very demeaning and nasty letter to my attorney stating why. I let things lie for awhile and then I contacted them so an employee of the cemetery) and they once again refused. I then filed the petition. I received a minute entry from the court stating that I needed to notice all interested parties so I noticed \_\_\_\_\_ as they were the only true parties of interest in my opinion. They of course objected to my petition (which I was expecting) but then the court received objections from \_\_\_\_\_ and the man

who did \_\_\_\_\_ The judge then set an Oral Argument for \_\_\_\_\_

My mother, \_\_\_\_\_ and my daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ then asked to file objections to their objections which in hindsight might not have been a good idea but they were upset that I had to go through all of this \_\_\_\_\_ that I have the right to be buried with her father. The three of us attended the hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ and it was horrible. \_\_\_\_\_ were there and so was \_\_\_\_\_ They elected her to be their spokesperson which didn't make any sense to me. Why should she have had any input on something that clearly did not involve her. I spoke first and just took enough time to explain my position. Then \_\_\_\_\_ took the stand and spent the next 45 minutes rambling on with a bunch of nonsense that was in no way applicable to what was going on. She blatantly lied to the judge UNDER OATH about many things. I realize that the judge would have no way of knowing this but my daughter \_\_\_\_\_ even turned to me and said "I know she's lying, Mom." Even though I knew better, I had to speak out at one point when \_\_\_\_\_ was lying and of course, I was admonished by the judge. But it was torture to have to sit there and listen to her lies and