

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 08-206

Complainant: No. 0308110082A

Judge: No. 0308110082B

ORDER

The Commission on Judicial Conduct reviewed a self-reported incident and found no wrongdoing on the part of the judge. The Code of Judicial Conduct does not allow judges to solicit contributions for charitable or other similar organizations, and, knowing this, the judge had taken steps to avoid any problems. Unfortunately, The judge was quoted in a letter promoting a fund-raising event without his permission. Upon learning about the quotation, the judge immediately corrected the situation and notified the commission. Accordingly, this case is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: September 12, 2008.

FOR THE COMMISSION

 /s\ Keith Stott
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on September 12, 2008.

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

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Mr. Keith Stott
Commission on Judicial Conduct
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August 5, 2008

Mr. Stott:

I have attached a letter/invitation I received over the weekend.

Please consider this letter my self-report on what may be a violation of Rule 81, Canon 4C(4)(b), Rules of the Supreme Court.

Please note that I was not consulted prior to the letter's release. I did not know my name would be used.

They have accurately quoted my comments about the "hug and a chance". The quote is from a presentation I made a few years ago, I believe, at recruiting meeting.

In the context used in this letter/invitation, without my knowledge or consent, it probably violates Canon 4.

I have now spoken to one of the Board members to ask them to refrain from using my name in fundraiser activities. (attached is a copy of an e-mail I received confirming our conversation)

I will also ask them to correct the third paragraph because some of the children in care have been adjudicated in delinquency proceedings.

These are very good, very well intentioned local folks who have made a tremendous difference for our kids in care. They raise and give away thousands and thousands of dollars every year for the direct benefit of our kids in care.

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Please advise if I need to take any other action.

2 attachments