

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 08-253

Complainant: No. 0308110324A

Judge: No. 0308110324B

ORDER

The Commission on Judicial Conduct reviewed a self-reported incident involving delay and found no wrongdoing on the part of the judge. Although the judge ruled on a motion after the applicable time limit had expired, the delay was the result of an inadvertent clerical error. Accordingly, the case was closed pursuant to Rules 16(a).

Dated: March 12, 2009.

FOR THE COMMISSION

\s\ Keith Stott
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on March 12, 2009.

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

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October 7, 2008

Commission on Judicial Ethics
1501 W. Washington, Suite 229
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Commission;

Please allow this letter to constitute my report to you of a difficulty with timely ruling on a matter before me which was under advisement for much longer than the required 60 day limit.

As you can see from the attachment, the case file was not brought back to me for ruling and I did not discover it until some triggering mechanism unknown to me caused the file to be sent to my offices for ruling some 5 months late. Because I was unaware that it was due, I erroneously signed several verifications that no matters were pending before me for longer than 60 days. When I discovered that the ruling was long overdue, I made the ruling as quickly as possible and documented where the case had been for the preceding 5 months (see attachment to Ruling).

I am by this correspondence reporting this matter to the commission.

Sincerely,