

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 09-150

Complainant:	Kristen and Jay Sabanosh	No. 1132610001A
Judge:	David Fletcher	No. 1132610001B

ORDER

After reviewing the complaint, the recording of the hearing, and the judge's response, the commission finds that the judge's conduct in this case violated the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Canon 3B(4) requires that a judge be patient, dignified, and courteous to litigants. In this case, the complainants, who represented themselves, alleged that the judge was disrespectful, sarcastic and condescending toward them. The recording of the hearing substantiated that the judge was argumentative, rarely allowed the complainants to respond, and aggressively cut them off while stating what he predicted their testimony would be. This conduct is unacceptable.

Accordingly, the judge is hereby reprimanded for his conduct pursuant to Rule 17(a), and the record in this case, consisting of the complaint, the judge's response and this order, shall be made public as required by Rule 9(a).

Dated: October 8, 2009.

FOR THE COMMISSION,

Commission Chair

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on October 8, 2009.

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

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PROTECTIVE ORDER

The complainants submitted a letter asking the commission to protect their privacy by removing their complaint from the commission's website. Following discussion, the commission agreed to seal the complaint in accordance with Rule 9(d).

Dated: March 16, 2010.

FOR THE COMMISSION

Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed
to the complainant on March 16, 2010,

and

Pro Tem Judge David Fletcher