

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 09-267

Complainant:	Robert Schultz	No.
Judge:	Paul McCullar	No.

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. During the hearing described in the complaint, the judge loudly spoke to the complainant in a sharp, rude manner and threatened him with contempt and arrest. Rule 2.8 of the code requires that a judge be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants. The conduct is unacceptable and inconsistent with the canons.

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: February 2, 2010.

FOR THE COMMISSION

\s\ William Brammer

J. William Brammer, Jr.
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on February 2, 2010.

Robert Schultz

September 21,2009

To Who it May Concern;

I'm writing this because of my concern of the courtroom conduct of a judge McCullor this morning at a hearing for my wife. Case number was JP #CR-09-915619, in courtroom # 2.

He called me to the bench to ask a question about the case. I asked to clarify and had a moment to think and it seemed to really set him off. He asked me in a very sharp, rude and loud tone, "if the cat had my tongue". Before I was able to answer him, he threatened to be careful how I answered the question or he would put me under oath and if I didn't answer rite, I would be arrested.

I was there today on my own free will to support my wife. He also told me that if a 911 call was made from our home or for some reason I was to appear before him on any matter, he would remember me and I would be arrested on the spot. After he was thru lecturing me, he sent me back to my seat. Later as he and my wife were talking about the case, he loudly made some very uncalled for sidebar remarks directed to me across the courtroom of people. If he had more to say to me, then he should have called me back up to the bench and not make his comments to where the whole courtroom could here them.

He is a disgrace to the court and legal system and should have to take some type of management class himself to better control his behavior and outbursts in the courtroom.

I was greatly disrespected and humiliated by his conduct in a court of law and feel I am due some respect and restitution for his actions and negative comments in the courtroom today.

Sincerely,

Robert Schultz

NOTICE

The judge chose not to contest the complaint and did not file a written response.

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