

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 11-093

Complainant: No. 1416610098A

Judge: No. 1416610098B

ORDER

The complainant alleged that a superior court judge mishandled a probate matter by allowing two attorneys to take control of her spouse and by not helping her despite letters she sent to the judge. The commission reviewed the matter and found no evidence of ethical misconduct on the part of the judge. The issues raised relate to the judge's legal decisions in a case that occurred more than five years ago. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: June 30, 2011.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Keith Stott

Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on June 30, 2011.

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

March 20, 2011

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 West Washington Street, Suite 229
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Complaint re Judge _____ in the following case:

**Guardianship and Conservatorship of
Pima County Superior Court Case No. GC**

Enclosed are letters I wrote to Judge _____ dated January 17, 2006, and February 24, 2006. They explain in detail what happened to _____ my ex-husband, who called when he was ill and asked for my help. I was desperate when I wrote the letter dated January 17, 2006, realizing the anguish _____ must be experiencing at being locked up, with no communication from anyone other than strangers who were forced upon him.

Why did Judge _____ allow two attorneys, Denice Shepard and Mark Ralles, to take complete control of an old man and his assets and disallow both me and my attorney from visiting him when he had asked for my help? Why wouldn't they allow anyone but my son and his wife to visit him or call him? From Denice's letters, I assume they seldom if ever did. Why did the lawyers keep him "imprisoned" until he finally capitulated and told them it was OK to be in a dumpy old house, with other "inmates" who might have been completely devoid of any intellectual activity? None of his friends were allowed to visit, unbeknownst to him, so what choice did he have? He no doubt thought we all had deserted him. _____ had dementia but retained some lucidity to the end. He wasn't his old self but was never completely "out of it".

Why did Judge _____ OK the following?

The court notes a Stipulation to Waive Final Accounting of Guardian/Conservator was filed April 27, 2006 and the Order Waiving Final Accounting of Guardian/Conservator was signed May 4, 2006.

Time was of the essence, but I got nowhere, bumping into a stone wall at every turn. The court system was used against _____ and against me. We had been married for 41 years and, though divorced, had never broken our bond which was forged when we married. There is right and there is wrong; there is justice, which _____ never received. I made some mistakes in pursuing justice and would proceed in a different way if I were

able to change my actions. My brain wasn't functioning in the best way to let information in because of the actions of the two attorneys and Judge [redacted] This has hurt me financially, physically and mentally.

Was everyone involved in this case in collusion? It would be very interesting to see how much Denice was able to siphon off from [redacted] estate in the short time she had control of him, mid-November 2005 until his death January 12, 2006. I feel sure she charged his estate even after his death. Is it possible to force Denice to account for the money at this time? Not accounting appears illegal to me, and Judge [redacted] is responsible for everything that was done throughout this ordeal.

This whole fiasco was so unfair to [redacted] who asked for my help because I was the only person he could count on. It was unfair to me and to our son, who didn't have a clue as to what was transpiring.

As a citizen who has, I sincerely believe, seen greed at its worst I ask that you investigate and do anything you can to obtain an accounting of the money Denice spent. I would also ask that you not let this happen to some other helpless old man or woman.

I'm enclosing a copy of the Stipulation to Waive Final Accounting of Guardian/Conservator. I have copies of court documents, letters I wrote, letters from my attorney, Arizona Bar, etc., should you be interested in seeing any of them.

Thank you,

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