

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 11-110

Complainant: No. 0308110384A

Judge: No. 0308110384B

ORDER

An appellate judge voluntarily reported that a former family member attempted to use the judge's position to advance personal interests. The commission reviewed the matter and found no evidence that the judge authorized the use of her name in any way. Moreover, the judge took immediate action to ensure the former relative understood that her conduct was unacceptable and should not be repeated. Accordingly, the case is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(a).

Dated: April 28, 2011

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Keith Stott
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on April 28, 2011

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

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April 1, 2011

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Justice

Dear Members of the Commission on Judicial Conduct:

On April Fool's Day, I opened the enclosed email from my ex-sister-in-law. As you can see from that email, she is apparently involved in a dispute in Oregon. Although Nancy and I haven't seen one another or spoken for fifteen years or so (since her divorce from my brother), she used my name and title to try to invoke a response from the opposing party. (See highlighted paragraph.)

Rule 1.3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits a judge from "abus[ing] the prestige of judicial office to advance the personal or economic interests of the judge or others, or allow[ing] others to do so." Although I clearly have never expressly or impliedly authorized Nancy to use my name or title, in an abundance of caution, I submit the facts of this situation to you for your consideration and review.

Please let me know if you have questions for me about this situation.

Sincerely,

Encl.