

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Complaint in Case 11-286

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On November 14, 2011, a justice of the peace self-reported a serious medical issue. The Commission on Judicial Conduct opened a file for purposes of monitoring. The judge submitted an update on his condition on January 6, 2012, with a release from his doctor to return to the bench full-time effective January 1, 2012. The commission voted to close the file with no further action.

Dated: February 23, 2012.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George Riemer

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George A. Riemer  
Executive Director

**Wanlass, Barbara**

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**From:** Wanlass, Barbara  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 9:12 AM  
**To:** Wanlass, Barbara  
**Subject:** Self-Report of Medical Condition

Judge

Thank you for your e-mail report. I am sorry to hear of your medical emergency though it sounds like you are on the road to recovery.

I will make a report on your situation to the Commission on Judicial Conduct. It meets next on Friday, December 2, 2011. I anticipate the Commission will want to monitor your progress to ensure that action under Commission Rule 33 is not required (the Commission has the authority to initiate an incapacity proceeding to determine whether a judge suffers from an incapacity that is permanent or likely to become permanent and that seriously interferes with the judge's ability to perform judicial duties).

If I understand correctly, you are working half-days at this time. I also understand we have your permission to discuss your self-report with both Judges

My best wishes for your speedy and full recovery.

George A. Riemer  
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**Sent:** Monday, November 14, 2011 3:11 PM  
**To:** Riemer, George  
**Cc:** Perkins, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Self-Report of Medical Condition

Dear Mr. Riemer,

Although I am able to function and a complete recovery is expected, I need to report that I technically suffered a mild stroke on October 14, 2011. I was driven to the emergency room and was treated by the responding medical team. I have kept all of my follow-up appointments, am following all of my neurologist's orders and am taking the prescribed medications. I have been cleared to work half days and I'm doing so. My motor skills have returned and I am mentally fine. My main problem is that I become tired easily.

After I was taken to the emergency room on October 14, 2011, I was admitted to Hospital for 36 hours. My speech was slurred for a few days; but my motor skills returned quickly. I have been walking a mile each morning since October 17 and I first drove my car again on October 19. I have driven myself to and from work each day. I returned to work for the first time on October 31; but that proved to be a

mistake because I became very tired by the end of the day. I took the rest of that week off and returned again with half days beginning on November 7, 2011.

I would attach a copy of my medical records; but I don't have any yet. For a non-medical assessment of my recovery, please feel free to contact either Judge [redacted] Both have called me at home and have interacted with me as I have returned to work. Also, please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,