

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 11-287

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Complainant: No. 1431210737A

Judge: No. 1431210737B

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged that a superior court judge demonstrated bias by overruling her attorney's objections more often than the objections raised by the opposing counsel because members of the law firm donated to the judge's campaign.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if the judge engaged in conduct that violated the provisions of Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution or the Code of Judicial Conduct and, if so, to take appropriate disciplinary action. The purpose and authority of the commission is limited to this mission.

After reviewing the allegations, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judge did not violate the Code in this case. The commission has no authority to investigate the legal sufficiency of the judge's ruling. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: December 21, 2011.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George Riemer

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George A. Riemer  
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on December 21, 2011.

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

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**2011-287**

**COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/31/11

**Instructions:** You can use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Please describe in your own words what the judge did that you believe constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times and places that will help us understand your concerns. You may attach additional pages but not original court documents. Print or type on one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your files.

It has been apparent from the start of this case in March 2009, that there has been ongoing bias and impropriety. On the dates I attended hearings for the first trial, during the weeks of Feb.22<sup>nd</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>., objections by \_\_\_\_\_ were overruled three times more often than those by the Law Firm.

Jurors from this trial even wrote letters to Judge \_\_\_\_\_ at trials end expressing their distain with his one-sidedness over the proceedings.

Judge \_\_\_\_\_ should have recused himself from the second trial, instead he seemed to show even more bias in favor of Law.

The relationship between Judge \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is of grave concern to public confidence and judicial integrity. In Jan. 2008 when Judge \_\_\_\_\_ was running for reelection \_\_\_\_\_ and his son \_\_\_\_\_, both employees at \_\_\_\_\_ Law, gave contributions of \$390 each to Judge \_\_\_\_\_ campaign. The campaign was treasured by \_\_\_\_\_, a legal assistant at \_\_\_\_\_ Law Firm. This information can be found in \_\_\_\_\_ County records, received \_\_\_\_\_ and June 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 respectively.

Thank you in advance for looking into these matters.  
Sincerely,

*(Attach additional sheets as needed)*