

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 11-312

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Complainant: No. 1433110313A

Judge: No. 1433110313B

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged that a superior court judge was charged with domestic violence.

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.

The commission previously considered this matter based on the judge's self-report of an underlying incident and dismissed the case after finding no evidence of ethical misconduct. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: February 3, 2012.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George Riemer

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George A. Riemer  
Executive Director

A copy of this order was mailed to the judge on February 3, 2012.

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

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See attached. I think this person lacks fitness of character to continue to serve as a judge.

# Domestic violence charges dropped against Judge

Domestic violence charges against Superior Court Judge and her husband have been dropped, according to records in the City of

They were charged separately following an incident police were called out to their home in the subdivision at about 4:30 p.m. in response to a domestic violence report. They told officers that a verbal dispute had turned physical. Their attorney, , asked the court to dismiss the cases because, "There exists insufficient factual or legal basis upon which to obtain a conviction." Also, he said that neither of the "victims" would testify.

The orders to dismiss without prejudice were granted by the court last month. That means the charges can be re-filed.

Following the incident, Presiding Superior Court Judge issued an administrative order on stripping of all domestic violence cases.

Among other provisions, Administrative Order No. says, "All criminal cases ... filed in the Superior Court in which one or more of the counts charged in the information alleges that the offense is a domestic violence offense as defined in A.R.S. 13-3601 shall be automatically assigned to Division One of the Superior Court," which is court.

"All family law cases ... filed in the Superior Court in which there is an allegation of domestic violence shall be automatically assigned to the Hon.

," according to the order.

A motion to rescind the order was still awaiting signature on Friday.