

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 12-017

Complainant: No. 1350710754A

Judge: No. 1350710754B

ORDER

The complainant alleged that a justice of the peace engaged in improper political conduct.

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 information provided by the complainant, the commission concluded that the issues raised are nearly identical to those previously resolved in a recent case. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: March 5, 2012.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on March 5, 2012.

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

If a concerned citizen has already filed a complaint with the Commission against JP for the following violations, I defer to their complaint.

Attached are pages from a website "Blog for Arizona," posted on December 22, 2011. Specifically, the pages are from

attributed to a Mr. Michael Bryan. (Unconfirmed.)

I have also attached printouts from Judge [redacted] own website, as linked in the blog, lest they should be taken down in the near future.

The blogger's facts and allegations, citing two violations of Rule 4.1, speak for themselves and I direct the Commission to the pages attached. Also, there is a question requiring an independent investigation of distribution of proceeds from a fund-raising event, per Rule 4.1(A)(6).

The blogger points out that Judge [redacted] own website bemoans how the politicization of our judiciary has undermined public trust in the institutions of justice. I concur.

So it seems especially apropos that Judge [redacted] should be investigated, and I trust he will welcome such an investigation.

If an investigation is already in progress, please send me the case number in lieu of a new case number for this complaint.