

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 12-204

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Complainant: No. 0308110350A

Judge: No. 0308110350B

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**ORDER**

A superior court judge voluntarily reported a delayed ruling.

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 review, the commission decided to dismiss this matter with a private advisory comment to the judge. The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Dated: September 17, 2012.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Dominguez

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Louis Frank Dominguez  
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on September 17, 2012.

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



2012-204

Maricopa County Superior Court – South Court Tower  
175 W. Madison  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

JUL 26 2012

July 20, 2012

***CONFIDENTIAL***

State of Arizona  
Commission on Judicial Conduct  
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Self-Report Complaint; Violation of Rule 91(e); Effect on Rule 81, Rule 2.5(A)

Dear Commission Members:

This is a self-report for a violation of the Rule 91(e), requiring judges to rule on motions within 60 days. I submit the explanation below for your determination of whether an ethical breach of Rule 81, Rule 2.5 has been called into question by the violation.

On July 18, 2012, I learned an attorney contacted my division and asked when a ruling would be issued on a motion taken under advisement. The motion was taken under advisement on May 4, 2012. I responded and explained that a ruling had been completed and forwarded to the clerk's office on May 25, 2012. Unbeknownst to me a minute entry was not generated. (Exhibit A).

My initial ruling was again forwarded to the clerk and the minute entry was immediately produced and distributed. (Exhibit B).

Thereafter, I met with the clerk assigned to my division and my judicial assistant to put an additional process in place to insure that there are no future 60 day violations. I am confident this has resolved the problem.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Sincerely,