

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 12-326

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Judge: Joseph Lodge

Complainant: Commission

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**ORDER**

The Commission learned through media reports that Superior Court Judge Joseph Lodge was arrested for extreme DUI on Sunday, December 9, 2012. Before the Commission commenced an investigation into his conduct, the judge entered a rehabilitation program and resigned from his position on the bench.

Based on Judge Lodge's decision to resign and his written stipulation with the Commission that he will never again seek or accept a position involving service as a judicial officer in Arizona, the Commission decided to take no further action in this matter but to instead dismiss the case. The Commission's decision is not made pursuant to a finding that no judicial misconduct occurred pursuant to Commission Rule 16(a), and should Judge Lodge fail to abide by his agreement to never again seek or assume a judicial office in Arizona, the Commission will re-open an investigation into the judge's misdemeanor criminal charges and related conduct.

Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rule 23. Pursuant to the judge's stipulation, this order, including identifying information, is considered public information.

Dated: June 27, 2013.

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  
June 27, 2013.

