

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 12-331

Complainant: No. 1457210241A

Judge: No. 1457210241B

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge demonstrated bias in favor of her ex-husband, a military officer, by allowing multiple postponements in their dissolution case, which cost her time and money, and by making numerous unfair decisions.

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 and the available electronic record, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judge did not violate the Code in this case. The commission does not have jurisdiction to review the legal sufficiency of court rulings. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: January 16, 2013.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on January 16, 2013.

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

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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.

Judge _____ exhibited judicial bias and questionable judicial judgement in hearings regarding my case over a twelve month period, 11/11 to 10/12. Judge Plante requested or granted six postponements and showed ongoing bias in favor of my ex-husband and his lawyer. All of my complaints and concerns are outlined in detail in the enclosed 3 pages. I request another hearing and a review of Judge _____ decisions that he has rendered in Yuma Superior Court during the last three years. As I outlined in the enclosed letter to Judge _____ I firmly believe he is biased in favor of military officers in his decisions at the Yuma Superior Court setting.