

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 13-012

Judge:	No. 1460410761A
Complainant:	No. 1460410761B

ORDER

The complainant alleged a municipal court judge disregarded her scheduled traffic hearing in order to get an early start on a holiday weekend.

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 all of the information provided by the complainant and the electronic docket, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judge did not violate the Code in this case. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: March 7, 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 March 7, 2013.

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

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January 16, 2013

Commission on Judicial Conduct

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Re:

Please accept this letter of complaint against _____ judge. The record reflects that, on August 31, 2012, a trial was set re camera fraud. _____ appeared for the morning calendar and heard the scheduled cases. My case was previously calendared for 1:30pm. However, I was told that due to the holiday weekend, Judge _____ left the bench at lunch and, never returned. I was then advised by a court representative of my options to plead and, that the case would then be re-set. I opposed this action and, filed an immediate Motion of Dismissal of action in it's entirety to avoid an outward appearance of impropriety. My motion was granted. Attached hereto as exhibit A.

In doing such, constitutes embroilment which, violates canons 1, 2, 3. Whereas "A Judge Shall Uphold the Integrity and Independence of the Judiciary..." and, "A Judge Shall Avoid Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety in All of the Judge's Activities" and, "A judge shall conduct the judge's extrajudicial activities so as to minimize the risk of conflict with the obligations of judicial office. In this particular matter, Judge _____ failed to comply with the 2012 Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct as governed and outlined. This behavior was highly improper which, is in direct violation to Canon 2: Rule 2.4 (External Influences on Judicial Conduct); Rule 2.7 (Responsibility to Decide); 2.10 (Judicial Statements on Pending and Impending Cases); Canon 3: Rule 3.12 (Compensation for Extrajudicial Activities; Rule 3:13 (Acceptance and Reporting of Gifts, Loans, Bequests, Benefits, or Other Things of Value).

_____ judge, has a documented history of adverse and suspect behavior. In this particular matter, he made a grave decision, while on the bench. Making such a mistake, has prompted me to request your intervention in this matter. Based on the impropriety of _____ judge, I respectfully request a full investigation into these substantiated allegations. I look forward to your timely response within, the next ten business days.

Respectfully,

Cc: Arizona State Bar
Arizona Attorney General