

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 13-039

Judge:	No. 1462300360A
Complainant:	No. 1462300360B

ORDER

The complainant alleged a justice of the peace improperly failed to disqualify herself and engaged in a pattern of legal error related to a series of protective order cases.

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 judge's response, 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: May 24, 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 May 24, 2013

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

Court:

Date 3-3-13

has prior ethics complaints found and this complaint is somewhat similar to the confirmed issues found in her

This complaint is focused on ; relationship with is directly related to by marriage and this is a major conflict of interest in in several cases she has handled acknowledged her relationship to in a hearing for case . After having public attention focused on her court in recent domestic violence cases, has been forced to clean up her act in an attempt to sever several major conflicts of interest.

In this specific case, has systematically used an order of protection as a tool of harassment, emotional abuse and domestic violence for well over ten years. Below is an outline of the orders of protection filed by in :

- filed false police reports and an order of protection after learning had met ; later married in 2005. After this incident, filed multiple police reports claiming her order of protection was violated. This order was signed by in open court had filed several police reports that were unknown to until the last two weeks when this case was fully investigated by the Men's Right's Group of Arizona and presentence from Mr.
- filed another order of protection claiming was threatening her with harassment. Again, the allegations were unfounded but an order was still issued by were married on this day and filed an order of protection directly correlated with their marriage. , knowing she was related to sought and was granted an order of protection. This order of protection was then used as a tool of emotional abuse focused toward both M . During this time evoked fear of arrest through false complaints and police reports.
- filed another unnecessary order of protection against gave her the "finger" and was "driving by her house". Although this order was signed by a hearing was set for Judge case. never showed for this hearing. The troubling issues centered around statements. They were nearly identical to the issues she claimed in 2005 and 2001. uez believes is either helping secure orders of protection or directing her to Pinal Hispanic Council where is the

Governing Board Director. In either case, [redacted] believes [redacted] is receiving special treatment from [redacted]

- 2011 – ([redacted]) sought another order of protection against [redacted] and now was seeking an order against his wife, [redacted] once again alleged the “finger” and that [redacted] “drove by my house”. This time [redacted] no-longer oversee [redacted] cases. [redacted] and I are related.” [redacted] did not disclose this fact in 2001, 2005, or 2009.

On more than one occasion [redacted] was arrested for violating the order of protection based on a false police reports. When the trial date was set [redacted] refused to attend and thereby the charges were dropped. Men and women in the community are getting sick and tired of [redacted] constant conflict of interest that place abused men at risk for false arrest and charges.

Recently the [redacted] settled out of court for failing to protect a male victim of domestic violence when they did not investigate his abuse and was later arrested based on a false report. Now, [redacted] is facing another civil suit for violating the Arizona Constitution for not informing a male victim of domestic violence his rights as a “victim”. Unfortunately, this man’s order was not upheld in Judge [redacted] but the abusive former girlfriend’s order was strictly enforced. These cases are beginning to hit the local newspapers and we, the public, are demanding more accountability from [redacted] in these cases.

Thank you,