

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 13-111

Judge:	No. 1467610878A
Complainant:	No. 1467610878B

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased against her because of a possible friendship between the judge and opposing counsel.

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, along with the electronic court 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: June 13, 2013.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Georg Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on June 13, 2013.

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

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2013-111

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Your name: _____ Judge's name: _____ Date: MAY 6, 2013

I was with my ex-husband for 20 years, married to him for 11. We ended up in divorce court and the _____ resided. It became apparent to me early in the proceedings that there may have been some favoritism toward my ex-husband and his attorney by the judge. It became glaringly obvious at the end that I was right. I get the feeling that the judge and my ex's attorney, _____ knew each other well. Maybe they went to school together, I don't know, but the decisions the judge made the entire way through my divorce were all in favor. First, in his division of the assets from my marriage, my ex was awarded \$359,000 and I was given \$20,000. This is grossly biased. TWO of our two homes were awarded to him. THREE of our four vehicles were awarded to him. Of our fifteen different financial accounts, the judge ruled the majority of them to be "sole and separate property" even though both of our names were on each of the accounts and they were all community property.

At one point the Petitioner refused to pay me according to an order _____ had put into place. I let his noncompliance continue for five months until my financial situation became desperate and I finally was forced to file a Motion to Enforce the Order. The Judge dismissed it calling it frivolous. I also requested an Enforcement Hearing to get some relief from the Petitioner's negligent behavior. At the time of my Enforcement Hearing, the Judge asked a couple questions about my cooperation in quashing a social security withholding order, which I did. But to my surprise, NOT ONE WORD WAS SAID ABOUT THE FAILURE ON MY EX'S PART TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS, nor was any other issue in regard to my Petition even raised in open court.

I was so upset when the judge hit his gavel on the desk I covered my face with my hands and left the courtroom sobbing. At my own hearing I don't even get an honorable mention? How is that fair? The last example I'll give is the decisions that were made in regard to the QDRO that needed to be filed with _____ dividing my ex-husband's pension.. _____ hose to draft the QDRO and she was completely incompetent. She made horrible decisions and admitted some of them were actually "assumptions", not factually based on testimony or evidence. But

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

