

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 13-215

Judge:	No. 1065714746A
Complainant:	No. 1065714746B

ORDER

The complainant alleged a justice court hearing officer would not accept his evidence or listen to his defense in a small claims case. He believes he may have been discriminated against because of his foreign name.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if the hearing officer 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, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the hearing officer 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: September 19, 2013.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the hearing officer on September 19, 2013.

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

