

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 13-254

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Judge:	No.0214030810A
Complainant:	No. 0214030810B

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**ORDER**

A justice of the peace voluntarily reported that she presided over a hearing involving a witness who was a Facebook “friend” of the judge.

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 review, 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: December 2, 2013.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George Riemer

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George A. Riemer  
Executive Director

A copy of this order was mailed  
to the judge on December 2, 2013.

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

STATE OF ARIZONA

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The Commission on Judicial Conduct  
1501 West Washington Street – Suite 229  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Self-Report of Violation

Dear Members of the Commission:

On [redacted] I held a hearing on an Injunction Against Harassment [redacted]. The hearing involved several residents of [redacted] many of whom I know. One of the witnesses, [redacted] is a "friend" of mine on [redacted] and I failed to disclose that relationship prior to, or during the hearing.

[redacted] and I became [redacted] friends in [redacted] following the [redacted] I was interested in the status of the [redacted] in [redacted] which was damaged in the fire, and she had posted information on her [redacted] page about how people could donate to help reconstruct the [redacted]. I can find no indication in my [redacted] records, nor in what I can see on the computer of her [redacted] page, that we ever actually communicated.

It did not occur to me that we were [redacted] friends when [redacted] testified at the Injunction Against Harassment hearing on [redacted]. In fact, I did not think of it at all until the Defendant in the case left a document at the [redacted] which was addressed to me. It contains some rather threatening language and a photo, or screen shot, of a computer showing the Facebook page for [redacted] along with the photo from my [redacted] page. It was then that it dawned on me that because of the [redacted] friendship, I had committed a violation of the [redacted] and that I must self-report.

For your reference, I have included copies of the document filed by the [redacted] and the [redacted] for the hearing held on [redacted]. I have also included a "screen shot" of my [redacted] page that shows I became "friends" with [redacted].

Very truly yours,

AMG/  
Enclosures (3)

	<b>PRO PER,</b>
<b>Plaintiff(s),</b>	<b>For Plaintiff(s),</b>
<b>vs.</b>	<b>PRO PER</b>
<b>Defendant(s),</b>	<b>For Defendant(s).</b>

**DATE                      PROCEEDINGS - MINUTE ENTRY      HON**

Injunction Against Harassment was issued in this matter on \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant requested a hearing.

Hearing was held on \_\_\_\_\_ Plaintiff and Defendant were present and representing themselves.  
The hearing was recorded.

The following witnesses were sworn and testified:

The following exhibits were marked and admitted:

The Court, having considered all the evidence, determined that the previously issued Injunction Against Harassment should remain in effect without modification.

The parties were advised of the right to appeal.

DONE IN OPEN COURT

COPIES mailed \_\_\_\_\_ to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

Firefox browser window showing a Facebook profile page. The browser title is "You and Vicky Velasquez - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows "Bing". The page content includes a search bar with the text "Search for people, places and things", a navigation bar with links like "Home" and "Find Friends", and a main section titled "Facebook friends since July". Below this, there are sections for "Photos" and "Events". At the bottom, there is a "First Met" section and a "Chat (10)" indicator.

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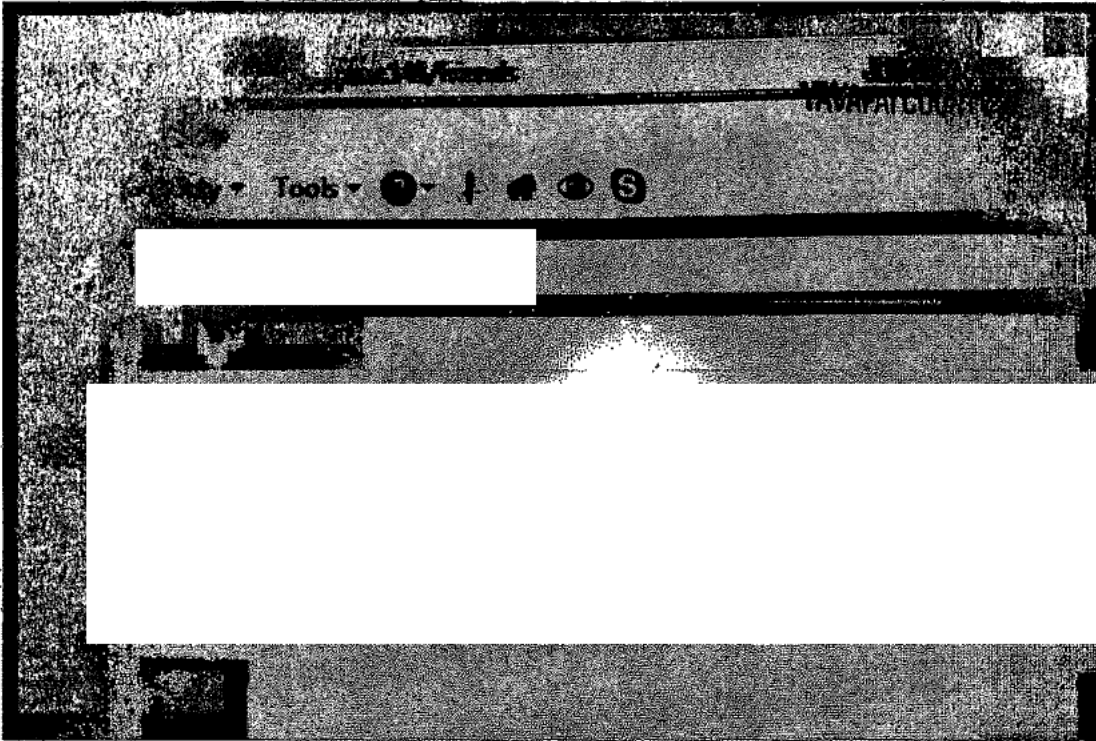
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A Picture is worth 1,000 words!! I came to talk to you about this Judicial Error on your part, but your help turned me away. If you want to remedy this call me. I will not be ignoring this. I am giving you more of a chance then I was given.