

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 13-280

Judge:	No. 107541922A
Complainant:	No. 107541922B

ORDER

The commission opened an investigation to review allegations that a justice of the peace is biased, improperly provides his personal contact information to jurors, and inappropriately solicits ex parte communications from jurors.

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. The commission approved sending the judge a private warning letter cautioning him against making comments to jurors that could be perceived as inviting inappropriate ex parte communications. The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Dated: February 12, 2014.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez

Louis Frank Dominguez
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on February 12, 2014.

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