

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 14-120

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleges that a superior court commissioner ignored evidence and improperly stated that the best interests of the children was not important.

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. Also, the commission does not have jurisdiction to review the legal sufficiency of the judge's ruling. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: June 17, 2014.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on June 17, 2014.

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

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Completed
 Judge denied
 could
 hearing. Judge orders a
 said the reason
 was because the state did not call
 individual
 hearing
 continuing. Judge thought it was taking too long. It
 began in
 hearing. requesting change of case
 Judge wants copy of
 continues w/no decision
 continued
 hearing. Judge gets
 and the expert basically testifies
 did not like outcome so requested
 Judge okayed, judge now wants to talk
 to
 - court continued
 again w/no decision
 continued
 hearing. Judge wants to talk to
 and the who performed the
 Judge allows
 States attorney to question, then cuts off to
 ask own leading questions. continues hearing
 again w/no decision.

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Continued
attorneys allowed to question professionals. The
that did initial
The
perform another
out paperwork prior to
needed to say. The second
The
the case was about, as
agreed with the first
base plan to
Judge continues asking questions,
who was said by
said client filled
stating what the
proved
lie.
once made aware of what
lie to as well, also
Judge denied change of
and stated "the
" and ordered"

This case has become a circus.
for almost years. The
The judge denied
needed
also stated could
that proven
want to
needed, and because it wasn't
hearing w/a court report from
had no right to do. The judge has been acting as a
and
and was ready to
regarding
is wasting everyone's
court, dealing with
have been in
current
are
stating that the
(which stopped in)
in the near future. The did not know
The state has
and the do not
The state has done everything the judge said
denied. A
turned into a trial that the judge
was the previous judge
This judge has ignored laws
clear and convincing evidence that
would be a risk if
and
As a judge in
to say "the
needs to be removed from the bench.