

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 14-185

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged that a justice of the peace failed to thoroughly explain to him all of his options and constitutional rights.

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: July 28, 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 July 28, 2014

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

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____ **Judge's Name:** _____

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that you believe constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records.

"Court changes

_____ has implemented several new policies and procedures at the _____ Court. Among the changes:

_____ aims to thoroughly explain to defendants what all of their options and constitutional rights are at all stages of the judicial process, including if they are entitled to a jury trial, as well as the exact nature of the charges against them and the maximum penalties they could face."

Please note:

The above is a quote from _____ web site.

The issue is that I was not afforded the opportunity of Judge _____ thoroughly explaining all my options, constitutional rights at all stages of the judicial process, including if I was entitled to a jury trial, as well as the exact nature of the charges against me and the maximum penalties I could face.

Judge _____ provides this education to all defendants, but in his zeal to restore the reputation of the _____ Court and build on his resume, I was pushed through the system and my case rubber stamped like so many cases in _____ court.

Being denied this opportunity has put me in a very precarious position.

Judge _____ made a commitment to the Court and did not fulfil his obligation as an officer of the Court.

Like any member of society if one does not fulfill his obligation then he must suffer the consequences of the wrong act.

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