

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 14-196

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

An anonymous complainant alleged that a superior court judge was being vindictive in drug court.

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 rulings. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: July 30, 2014

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

A copy of this order was mailed to
the judge on July 30, 2014

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

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State of Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing this complaint regarding [redacted] anonymously because some of us that are involved here have experienced her vindictiveness firsthand. There are a group of us that are stuck in her [redacted] court program that believe that the way she runs this court needs to be addressed. I myself believe that [redacted] is a complete hypocrite. She has berated people in her court for not being honest and then thrown them in jail because she believes that they are lying. When [redacted] came to the [redacted] court program from [redacted] Court she told the defendants involved in this program that this was her choice. I have personal knowledge that this is a lie and she was actually demoted. This comes from [redacted] different attorneys and a family member of hers. This family member, who I won't name, actually told me that she holds grudges and is [redacted] about this demotion.

Yesterday in [redacted] court she threw [redacted] people in jail for a variety of reasons. Some of these people did not deserve to go to jail and I believe that she did this to only show her power. She will tell people that "she knows" they are lying, I don't believe that many of them are. There was one gentleman yesterday who was thrown in jail for being an "over achiever". This judge will tell one person to pay their fines and then tell the next person that they are working too much. So what is it that she wants?

I could go on and on regarding her but I think it's better seen firsthand. That is why I am asking your agency to send someone to "experience" one of her [redacted] court sessions. This judge forces everyone to sit there for up to [redacted] hours while she proceeds to hold [redacted] sessions with people. If she wants to be a [redacted] then she should step down from the bench first; I also know all about her struggles [redacted] and because of some of her unpredictable behavior in court I am beginning to wonder [redacted].

Sincerely,