

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 14-233

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a superior court commissioner was unfair in the allotment of time to the parties, and inconsistent in her rulings as between the hearing and the written order.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if the commissioner 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.

The commission does not have jurisdiction to review the legal sufficiency of the judicial officer's ruling. In addition, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the commissioner did not violate the Code in this case. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: September 10, 2014

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

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George A. Riemer  
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the commissioner on September 10, 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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On \_\_\_\_\_ I presented before Judge \_\_\_\_\_ regarding a  
hearing, where I as the mother, have full custody. I paid for an attorney to  
represent me. My grievance with Judge \_\_\_\_\_ is that her handling of the  
case that day was unprofessional and in turn, affected the outcome of the  
proceedings. She also made a ruling in court that day, but when the final  
ruling was published, it was not what she said she would do.

Her unprofessionalism stems from her letting the opposing counsel speak for  
a majority of the allotted time, but when it was time for my attorney to speak,  
she then told us that she has \_\_\_\_\_ more cases to hear the rest of the day, and  
that they had to break for lunch so our time was limited. Because of this, my  
attorney did not get a chance to discuss all of the pertinent information re-  
garding my case, which may have resulted in a different outcome.

To be fair and impartial, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ should have made it very clear in the  
beginning, how much time each party would be allowed. Her letting the other  
party take up most of the allotted time and then penalizing us by limiting our  
time is not being fair and impartial, but rather, treating my attorney and I as  
an obstacle to lunch. I believe this lack of professionalism requires immediate  
attention as it is a poor reflection of the court and does not demonstrate  
fairness to all parties involved.

Furthermore, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ ruled in court, that she would not credit the father  
with any parenting time, as he has not made an effort to see \_\_\_\_\_ in over

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However, her published ruling stated otherwise. This was one of the several issues I asked Judge \_\_\_\_\_ to reconsider in my Motion for reconsideration. This was the only issue she responded to, and instead of referring to court notes, she chose to include portions of the letter from the reintroduction specialist to support her decision, but this was not what her ruling was in court. She asserts that my inability to attend during the week was a "significant factor in Father's inability to accomplish the Court's order" for reintroduction. However, I made it clear to the specialist that I could not attend during the week until \_\_\_\_\_ due to the nature of my employment and I could not risk losing my job. I did make it very clear to the \_\_\_\_\_ that I could attend on \_\_\_\_\_ and the specialist replied in her letter quoted by Judge \_\_\_\_\_ that she could also do some \_\_\_\_\_ and most \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_ conveniently ignored this information which demonstrates that my schedule was not as recalcitrant as she suggested it was. Again, this was a biased and unfair decision and her response to my motion to reconsider, used impartial and incomplete information to support her published response that was a contradiction to what she said she would allow in court. Futhermore, father said he has not come to see his son because I was not allowing multiple visits however, the specialist stated that she would not going to schedule multiple visits until after she determined whether or not that was appropriate for the case. This is another fact that Judge \_\_\_\_\_ ignored in her response.

