

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 14-244

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged that a justice of the peace improperly considered evidence that the defendant gave the judge just before the start of a small claims hearing.

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: September 23, 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 judge on September 23, 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 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.

I filed a \_\_\_\_\_ case against \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. My case was heard by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ decision was made on \_\_\_\_\_, nearly \_\_\_\_\_ later. By the time I received \_\_\_\_\_ decision against me and for the \_\_\_\_\_, my video of the proceedings was erased. And for good reason for the judge.

Just before court, as the judge was just sitting down, \_\_\_\_\_, the defendant approached the bench with an envelope or folder and handed it to the judge. The judge asked if this was "evidence" and \_\_\_\_\_ agreed that it was. The judge then left the courtroom so we could try mediation again. I do not remember if Judge \_\_\_\_\_ took that "evidence" out with \_\_\_\_\_, but the court reporter was present. \_\_\_\_\_ had to have heard the conversation and recorded it. At this point, we were not sworn in.

Being nervous and angry over being in court and having a \_\_\_\_\_ transmission, I forgot to ask about that "evidence". It was never brought up in court, and never mentioned again. I had surgery on \_\_\_\_\_ and was not allowed to drive, so I didn't get to the courthouse for a couple months to pick up all of my evidence and \_\_\_\_\_ evidence. There was absolutely NOTHING in my case file from \_\_\_\_\_. What was in that envelope and where did it disappear to??

It is my understanding the court reporter takes down all conversations, and this should be in \_\_\_\_\_ report.  
My complaint is I believe \_\_\_\_\_ took a bribe from \_\_\_\_\_, to find in favor, and I believe \_\_\_\_\_ took a bribe in the case previous to mine also. I have spoken to \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ case. \_\_\_\_\_ also lost, and has no vehicle yet. The company ruined \_\_\_\_\_ engine.

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I plan to visit \_\_\_\_\_ after I hear back from you. I would like to know if \_\_\_\_\_ gave  
\_\_\_\_\_ an envelope prior to \_\_\_\_\_ case hearing too.

I also would like to suggest that all court hearings be put on an SD card and put in  
the case files so a video/audio record can be kept with each individual case. I would  
have paid extra to receive this, and I'm sure others would pay also.

Since my case was erased before my notification came in the mail, I have no video  
of \_\_\_\_\_ bringing his "evidence" to the bench. All I have is the testimony of \_\_\_\_\_.

What was in that envelope and what happened to that "evidence"? It should have  
been put into my case file and there was nothing from the Defendant in my file.

Thank you for taking the time to read my story. I feel I am in the right. I want to know  
what was in that "evidence" envelope and where it went. \_\_\_\_\_ took something  
from the defendant and did not divulge what it was during court. I've been had!!

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Sincerely,

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