

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 14-336

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court commissioner improperly refused to appoint him an attorney.

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 rulings. 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: November 5, 2014

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the commissioner on November 5, 2014.

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

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I appeared in court on a dissolution of marriage hearing. I was incarcerated at the time. Upon appearing I asked to be represented by an attorney as my wife had retained _____ I was told by _____ that I was a bright fellow and could represent myself. I said I didn't feel comfortable and as my wife was being represented I felt I needed to be as well to protect my rights. I was again forbidden to hire an attorney and forced to proceed immediately. At the conclusion of the hearing I was fur not representing myself well. All of our community property was awarded to my wife and I was ordered to pay her attorney's fees. Clearly my civil rights were violated as there is no excuse for denying me representation. Clearly the reason for that ruling was to "railroad" me with an illegal, unethical and ~~an~~ immediate verdict.

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_____ OF AZ HAS STATED
TO ME THAT SHE IS NOT SURPRISED
BY THIS AS SHE HAS SEEN
VIOLATE MANY PEOPLE'S RIGHTS. SHE
EXPRESSED THAT _____ SHOULD BE REMOVED.