

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 15-018

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge improperly failed to recuse himself and coerced her into a settlement.

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: March 23, 2015

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 March 23, 2015.

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.

In _____, I hired _____ to file to change _____ of our
 _____ Her _____ had since moved to _____ Az.
 _____ hired _____ as his attorney. They filed for a change of judge
 Judge _____ was assigned. We then filed for a change of Judge and were
 denied. _____ is employed by this court and is Judge _____
 We were trying to change the judge because of the conflict of interest with
 _____. We went to court for the hearing, and my
 lawyer and myself were put in the courtroom and _____ and _____ attorney
 went back to a room in the judges chambers. Judge _____ told me that he
 was going to mediate the situation and if we could not come to an
 agreement, he would rule his way. So I felt coerced. Judge _____ would
 come to me and say this is what _____ wants, you can either come to an
 agreement, or I get the final say and I will just rule this way.
 _____ ended up with more _____, even though he moved _____ away.

In _____ I was getting married to _____. I spoke with _____ very
 on in the year to make arrangements for _____ to be able to go with us and
 be in our wedding. All arrangements were made through email. _____ decided
 in _____, that he was not going to _____. I hired _____ to
 ask for an emergency hearing, so that _____ could be part of our wedding.
 We went to court, again we were put into different rooms. I came prepared
 with all the emails between myself and _____, that _____ had already agreed and
 I had given _____ an extra weekend to make up for the wedding time. Judge
 mediated the court again, and told me that _____ could go to the wedding,

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but that I needed to give two more weekends. I explained that I had the emails from showing that agreement and that we had already given extra time. He never looked at the emails, just told me, that if I wanted in the wedding I had to agree to this. Meanwhile, and , are talking to Judge . I was not allowed anybody in with me except my lawyer. , is and a County Sherriff for years. I feel this is also an conflict of interes seeings he has been in front of all the judges at one time or another. In , I was served by . I hired as my attorney. Once again I spent time and money on preparing for this, I was scared because I knew how this court goes. We went to the hearing and once again, there was no hearing. We were seperated into two rooms and Judge mediated. I was told by Judge does not really want , he just wants more told me that if didnt agree to this, he could change and give it to . Once more, I felt like I have no choice, because if i disagree, the judge said he would rule on it anyway.