

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 15-064

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge improperly failed to remove a biased juror.

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.

The commission does not have jurisdiction to review the legal sufficiency of the judge's rulings. In addition, 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: April 1, 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 April 1, 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: Hon. _____

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.

The jury notified the Judge that _____ was refusing to _____ and asked that the _____ be removed from the jury and replaced with an alternate _____ due to her refusal to _____ This _____ according to reports from _____ members refused to review evidence and indicated that she had previously seen "bits and pieces" of a _____ about the _____ case. She did not divulge this information during _____ proceedings. Judge _____ was bound to remove a _____ once she was notified of this misconduct as well as the fact that this _____ was refusing to _____ Judge _____ has cast a shadow of doubt on the entire judicial system by her lack of action and has for all intents and purposes appeared to be biased on the part of the defendant thereby depriving the State of Arizona as well as its tax payers of a fair and impartial verdict. The integrity of the entire Arizona Judicial system is now in question, and her actions should be investigated immediately. She has failed to uphold her oath of office by carrying out the duties entrusted to her by the State of Arizona. She should be immediately removed from the bench, as well as have sanction of the strictest level imposed. She has deprived the victim's family of the justice that they depended on from the State of Arizona. Once she was notified that _____ had seen the _____ and that the other _____ believed her to have her own agenda and refused to _____ Judge _____ had an obligation and a duty to remove _____ and replace her with an alternate _____

Thank you for your time.

