

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 15-103

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

A justice of the peace self-reported a delayed ruling.

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 commission's file in this matter has been closed, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: June 17, 2015

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

A copy of this order was mailed to the judge on June 17, 2015.

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

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 West Washington Street, Suite 229
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Self Report; Two 60 Day Rule Violations

Dear Commission Members,

On _____, my court manager brought two case files to my attention. Documents that should have been filed into each of those case files were instead filed incorrectly into a third case file. The result was that two requests had been waiting for judicial action for over _____.

Trial court judges are required to certify each month that nothing currently ripe for review has been either pending or under advisement for more than 60 days. A.R.S. § 11-424.02(A). Obviously, the two requests had been pending for _____. Both requests were _____. In Arizona, a _____. In both cases, _____ had _____. The relevant documents from both case files are attached.

The clerk who made the mistake no longer works for our court; but all clerks will be briefed again at _____ about the importance of getting the correct pleading in the correct file and about making sure that no additional documents have inadvertently been attached to a pleading.

If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at _____. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Attachments:

1. Documents from _____
2. Documents from _____