

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 15-118

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The commission learned that a current, full-time, justice of the peace simultaneously maintained a private practice law firm webpage that advertised his name, picture, and biographical description as a practicing attorney.

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. The commission approved sending the judge a warning letter reminding him that Rule 1.2 requires that “a judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.” The judge must ensure that his former law firm’s website does not give the appearance or leave the impression that he still practices law with the firm, including but not limited to, eliminating any reference to the judge as a member of the firm and removing his name from the firm name. The commission’s file in this matter is closed, pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Dated: August 17, 2015

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez
Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez
Commission Chair

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

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