

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 15-175

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a justice of the peace violated her victim's rights.

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 an advisory letter to thoroughly familiarize himself with the victim's rights law, the prohibitions on ex parte communications, and the hearing requirements for contempt proceedings. The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Dated: September 25, 2015

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez

Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez  
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on September 25, 2015.

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

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**2015-175**

**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.

On \_\_\_\_\_ my rights as a victim of domestic violence were violated by \_\_\_\_\_ The defendant, \_\_\_\_\_ was set for a \_\_\_\_\_ hearing for eligibility to serve the remainder of his sentence participating in an experimental " \_\_\_\_\_ " program. I was present \_\_\_\_\_ only to find the hearing had already taken place about an hour prior without my knowledge or notification. \_\_\_\_\_ was denied participation due to his acceptance of my visits while incarcerated, though his attorney, \_\_\_\_\_ stated the " \_\_\_\_\_ " had been lifted. Furthermore I am submitting a signed and notarized affidavit for a marriage license giving myself and \_\_\_\_\_ permission to wed while incarcerated. This to come only after being told to me by \_\_\_\_\_ that she would not sign until she cleared that a " \_\_\_\_\_ " was not still in place. Judge \_\_\_\_\_ however agreed to speak with me after a conversation I had with the victims advocate representative that was present just prior to \_\_\_\_\_. As I sat down and opened my folder to provide paperwork he told me to \_\_\_\_\_

and". All he did was talk down to me. I was not given the opportunity to provide any documentation or speak of my situation. I was sent from the court room in tears.

and I have a child in common who requires ongoing medical treatment and medication to protect her quality of life.

As a result of ongoing incarceration I have had to secure full-time employment and place her in a daycare center to make ends meet, whereas before I was a stay at home mom while was employed to support our family. In addition I have included doctor statements and the names of detention center employees including who are very familiar with this case situation.