State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 15-257

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

A superior court commissioner self-reported a delayed ruling.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if the commissioner 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 commissioner did not violate the Code in this case. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: November 10, 2015

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer George A. Riemer Executive Director

A copy of this order was mailed to the commissioner on November 10, 2015.

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

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This is a self-report of missing the 60 day deadline for ruling on a motion.

, I failed to rule on the defendant's Motion for In back to Division in a timely fashion. Although the Motion was addressed to Judge , as the , the matter had been assigned to me for , but I did not rule on the Motion until trial. The defendant's Reply was filed on , because I had believed that I had granted a stay while the defendant pursued a special action from my ruling declaring a mistrial. However, I could not find any oral or written ruling issuing a stay. The Arizona Supreme Court denied the Defendant's Petition for Review of a Special Action Decision of the Court of Appeals on . I have now implemented a procedure to flag cases in which a stay is granted so that this will not reoccur. Please advise if you need any additional information.