

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 16-010

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Judges:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged that one appellate court judge improperly received an award and that another appellate court judge failed to report the misconduct of the appellate court judge who received the award.

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

Dated: February 10, 2016

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

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George A. Riemer  
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the two judges on February 10, 2016.

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

Dear Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct,

On [redacted] the [redacted] posted a news release on their website that [redacted] received an award by the [redacted]

Pursuant to the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 3.13(A) a justice is prohibited from receiving an award.

It is reasonable understanding to a person that a judge who accepts an award such as a gift or benefit by a [redacted] undermines the public confidence of impartiality toward petitioners and pro se litigants "the other side". Additionally, I have current cases pending with the [redacted] ; [redacted] that are also negatively linked to the [redacted] because of corruption.

My complaint is on [redacted] and [redacted] It is the duty to preserve impartiality in the justice system by rejecting this type of interaction by an organization or another justice participating in it, and to report all attorney/judge misconduct [Canon 2.15(A) and (B)].

Awards partially distract as they are not the mission of the [redacted] or the [redacted] ; [redacted] . For disciplinary purposes I request the commission assist with the matter.

Respectfully,

2016-010

# NEWS RELEASE

has been honored with the  
by the . The award honors  
those epitomizing the highest standards of judicial integrity and professionalism.

from the law firm of nominated  
for the award. was inspired by after hearing her speak at  
the several years ago.  
message related to courage in the face of adversity, determination, and compassion.  
Her words stayed with and often help her maintain perspective in this profession.

is an example of an extraordinary woman who paved the way for other women.  
I want to recognize her efforts and make sure she knows how much it is appreciated,”  
remarked.

The award was presented at a event. The  
is a non-profit organization established in  
. According to its website  
is dedicated to the education of its members and the judiciary and increasing community  
awareness of positive aspects of the legal profession.”

is the second person to receive the  
earned the award last year.