# State of Arizona

## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

### Disposition of Complaint 16-044

Judge:

Complainant:

#### ORDER

An anonymous complaint alleged a justice of the peace improperly solicited funds for an organization and abused the prestige of judicial office in doing so.

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 the judge had directly solicited funds for an organization. While this was improper under Rules 1.3 and 3.7(A), the Scope Section of the Code of Judicial Conduct provides that it is not intended that every transgression will result in the imposition of discipline. The commission decided, after considering all the facts and circumstances, to dismiss the complaint pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a), but to issue a warning letter to the judge to avoid the complained of conduct in the future.

Commission member J. Tyrell Taber did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: May 12, 2016

# FOR THE COMMISSION

<u>/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez</u> Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez Commission Chair

A copy of this order was mailed to the judge on May 13, 2016.

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

I understand the commission cannot reverse court orders or assign a new judge to a case.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information and the facts I have provided upon which my allegations of judicial misconduct are based are true and correct.

Signature: anonymous citizen

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### INSTRUCTIONS

Use the following space or plain paper of the same size to explain your complaint. Explain why you believe what the judge did constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list the names, dates, times, and places relevant to your allegations. Additional pages may be used and relevant copies of documents may be sent with your complaint (please do not send original documents). Use one side of each page only and write legibly or type your complaint. Please keep a copy of your complaint for your records.

See attachment. Can a judgeuse his name in public raising of funds for an organization?
Can a judge use the prestiege of his office as judge to raise money for an organization?
This Judge has done this !
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