

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 16-256

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

A superior court judge self-reported a delayed ruling.

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. Accordingly, the commission's file in this matter has been closed, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Commission member Anna Mary Glaab did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: November 8, 2016

FOR THE COMMISSION

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

A copy of this order was mailed
to the judge on November 8, 2016.

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

Self-Report LTR

2016-256

Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 229
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Ruling past 60 days,

Dear Commission Members:

I recently signed a certification that I did not have any matters under advisement past 60 days. Today, I conducted a trial on a [redacted] that was before Judge [redacted] originally. When [redacted] rotated in [redacted], one of the parties filed a notice of change of judge and the matter was reassigned to me on approximately [redacted]. I affirmed the trial date of [redacted]. I had not been aware that there was a supplemental [redacted] pending from [redacted]. Apparently the other lawyer failed to respond and Judge [redacted] did not rule on it before [redacted] rotated in [redacted]. The filing party brought it to my attention today and I ordered a response by [redacted]. I indicated to them I would rule on it immediately upon receipt of a response.

If there is anything else which you want me to address, please let me know and I will do so immediately.

Sincerely,