

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 16-306

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a pro tem justice of the peace engaged in improper demeanor in an eviction proceeding.

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 that the judge engaged in inappropriate demeanor when she made rude statements to both of the parties as they attempted to present their case. While this was improper under Rule 2.8(B), 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 reminding her of her obligation to be “patient, dignified, and courteous” to litigants appearing before her.

Commission member Peter J. Eckerstrom did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: February 7, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez

Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 7, 2017.

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

I am filling a complaint against Judge . I suggest you listen to the recording's Judge was very rude and abrupt with most of the people coming before her. She would say things like “ ” “ ” “ ”

I was

When I came up I had the documents and she didn't want to allow me to sort my documents and give her the information she was requesting. She asked me to sit down and prepare because I wasn't prepared for court. I sat down and she went to all other cases and called mine last. When she first called my case the defendant was not there. When she called my case at the end the defendant showed up and she allowed the defendant to come up. I didn't think this was fair because if the defendant was not there on time for the first time I went up she shouldn't be allowed to come up later.

The more important issues is that Judge was very rude to not only me but other people that came before her.

As we went through my case the second time. I asked her what she wanted to see and then she began going back-and-forth with the defendant asked the defendant to be quiet and not say anything even though the defendant kept talking. When you came for my turn to talk I tried to explain and then she cut me off.

The defendant showed her a handwritten note with a signature on it and said this was ours that word and shouldn't be charge for rent I just took that and set a trial based on that hand right now which I don't think is appropriate.

I had the rental agreement I had the proper court documents and she would not review them.

What I really think is unprofessional is that towards the end she made a statement something like. – “

”. Insinuating some type of intimate contact or something else I'm not sure.

I don't believe it's appropriate for a judge to make those types of statements to the people they serve.

I believe the judge should be reprimanded for this type of conduct.

I would also like to mention that the clerk was apprehensive about giving me the judges name when I requested it. When I asked him for a correct spelling of her name he said

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