

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 17-015

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a superior court commissioner failed to allow him an opportunity to be heard, unnecessarily intimidated him, and engaged in improper ex parte communications.

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.

The commission does not have jurisdiction to review the legal sufficiency of the commissioner's rulings. In addition, 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(a).

The commission granted the complainant's request for a protective order sealing his complaint and supporting documents pursuant to Commission Rule 9(d) as dependency and adoption proceeding records are otherwise confidential under state law.

Commission members Gus Aragon, Art Hinshaw, and George Foster did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: March 20, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

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George A. Riemer

Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on March 20, 2017.

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