

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 17-044

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The commission reviewed a retired superior court judge's website for possible improper advertising.

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 retired judge utilized his judicial title and a photograph of him in his robe on his website which advertised a variety of legal services. The commission also found that the retired judge promptly deactivated the website after being alerted by the commission of the potential Code violations. While the foregoing was improper under Rules 1.2 and 1.3, and Formal Ethics Advisory Opinion 16-02, 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 matter pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a), but to issue a warning letter to the judge noting that any future advertisements, websites, social media pages, or other promotional material must comply with the Code and Formal Ethics Advisory Opinion 16-02.

Dated: May 17, 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 May 17, 2017.

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

Judge

(Ret.)

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SERVICES

acts as a:

- mediator,
- arbitrator,
- special master,
- discovery master,
- parenting coordinator,
- appellate advocate in family law matters
- expert witness in family law legal malpractice cases.

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TESTIMONIALS

EXPERIENCE

has worked on a variety of cases in his career, including

In addition to sitting as a _____ for almost _____ prior to his retirement from the bench in _____ he worked in the _____ as a _____

He reviewed _____ and _____ provided the Court with written analysis of the issues, and proposed resolutions of cases. He also reviewed _____ presented to the _____ presented written recommendations to the Court, and prepared orders disposing of those motions.

_____ was a _____ with the _____ assigned to _____ as well as _____

After retiring from the _____ in _____ entered private practice with a firm that focused its practice on _____ where he also acted as a _____

He has been retained to testify as an Expert Witness in a number of cases.

More info

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