

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 17-073

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased against her, engaged in improper demeanor, and made improper rulings in a family law case.

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.

The commission does not have jurisdiction to review the legal sufficiency of the judge's rulings. In addition, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judge did not violate the Code in this case. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Dated: May 17, 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 May 17, 2017.

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

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I feel that \_\_\_\_\_ has shown judicial misconduct in my case by discriminating against me due to my sex, female, and my national origin

- The first instance was in our very first meeting, back in \_\_\_\_\_. The initial meeting we had, \_\_\_\_\_ showed prejudice against me. He would not look me in the eye, and verbally dismissed everything I was saying. He did, however, look \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ), in the eye, and showed compassion and empathy for everything he was saying. I am unsure if this happened because of my gender, or my ethnicity. There were also new documents that \_\_\_\_\_ attorney had brought as evidence, that were not officially entered through the court as case evidence, that the judge allowed to be submitted, even after my attorney objected to this. \_\_\_\_\_ used these documents against me, without even asking any questions or requesting clarification from me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ agreed with \_\_\_\_\_ desire to place our family home for sale. This is the home that we had lived in \_\_\_\_\_ and our children were raised in. The children were close to their school, close to their friends, and were established in this location. We had purchased this home during our marriage, using a large portion of my personal finances to secure this home. My name was not included in the loan because of my job situation. After \_\_\_\_\_ ordered for it to be sold, and I had found another place to live, the children and I began moving our things out. I was told in court that I had until \_\_\_\_\_ to get all of our belongings out. The plan was for us to move our things out, and clean the house, to get it ready for the buyers that I was told had already signed contract on the house. \_\_\_\_\_ with many personal objects still in the home, \_\_\_\_\_ had changed the locks on the house, and had effectively locked me, our \_\_\_\_\_ children, and my \_\_\_\_\_ mother. \_\_\_\_\_ out of the house. My lawyer had a phone meeting with \_\_\_\_\_ trying to sort this out, so we could get the remainder of our items. \_\_\_\_\_ again sided with \_\_\_\_\_ and refused to allow us to get our personal effects without the presence of \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ allowed us to have \_\_\_\_\_ to finish moving everything out of this almost \_\_\_\_\_ home, which included much of our children's belongings. I had to call friends and neighbors to help us move as much as possible, during this short \_\_\_\_\_ window. We had approximately \_\_\_\_\_ show up to assist me and our children move the remainder of our belongings. As you can imagine, having \_\_\_\_\_ move things as quickly as we did, the move was chaotic. We had things lined up outside and in the backyard of the rental home we found, and I had to spend hours, along with our children, going through everything that had been mixed up in the move, as we were in a rush to get everything out. \_\_\_\_\_ was court ordered to move out of this home and had an order of protection against him, for abuse against me.
- My \_\_\_\_\_ mother moved in with us \_\_\_\_\_, after my father had passed away. She was living with us due to \_\_\_\_\_. She had a condo that she had lived in up until the time she moved in with us. We purchased the condo, so that it would stay

in the family. The deed to this condo is in both \_\_\_\_\_ and my name, however the loan for the condo, is in \_\_\_\_\_ name. My name was not included in the loan because of my job situation. This condo was purchased by us during our marriage. \_\_\_\_\_ ordered that this condo, be given to \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and I helped my oldest son purchase a condo nearby. The down payment of this condo came from our joint bank account. The loan for this condo was in \_\_\_\_\_ and my oldest son's name. My name was not included in the loan because of my job situation. The deed to this condo was in all three of our names, mine, \_\_\_\_\_ and my oldest son's, until the month before I was served with divorce papers. In \_\_\_\_\_ I was told they had secured a better loan for his condo. They asked me to sign the deed for this new loan. I thought it was for the new loan, but it turns out it was to sign it over to \_\_\_\_\_ and my oldest son. \_\_\_\_\_ again, without any hesitation, gave this condo to \_\_\_\_\_ also.
- I purchased a \_\_\_\_\_ for my older daughter, so she could drive to school and work. She also paid approximately \_\_\_\_\_ of her own money for this car. The title was solely in my name. Later, I purchased a second \_\_\_\_\_. I used this car for a while to save some gas money on my \_\_\_\_\_. Once our \_\_\_\_\_ child reached driving age, this car became his. This vehicle title was also solely in my name. \_\_\_\_\_ new the plan for each of these vehicles, was that our children would use them. \_\_\_\_\_ ordered both vehicles, which were both in my name, to be sold, and to divide the money \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ both knew these vehicles were being used by our children to go to both work and school.
- From \_\_\_\_\_ was employed making over \_\_\_\_\_ per year. The month before we went to court \_\_\_\_\_ was fired from his job. \_\_\_\_\_ didn't even mention it, or ask why. We had \_\_\_\_\_ saved up in our retirement account. plus some investments, all of which were in both of our names. We had to use \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for attorney's fees from \_\_\_\_\_ criminal lawsuit. This left us \_\_\_\_\_ remaining in our retirement fund. \_\_\_\_\_ told \_\_\_\_\_ that he used the remaining \_\_\_\_\_ as well as some of the investments to pay 'community debt'. The amount of our debt did not change. \_\_\_\_\_ also did not ask any questions, or request any evidence that any debt had been paid with this money. \_\_\_\_\_ said he paid money out of this retirement and investment accounts, after we had both been ordered not to touch it.
- Early in our marriage, \_\_\_\_\_ made it known that he wanted a large family, and he preferred for me to be a stay at home mom. I worked part-time \_\_\_\_\_ to earn extra money. This money, that I earned \_\_\_\_\_ along with my own finances from before I met \_\_\_\_\_ are what I had to live on after \_\_\_\_\_ moved out. I had to use this money to pay all expenses for the house, utilities, and children. Eventually, \_\_\_\_\_ ordered for \_\_\_\_\_ to pay the house payment, and utilities. The utilities were in my name. \_\_\_\_\_ paid them, but was late many times, which affected my credit. Our utilities were shut off multiple times, due to his late payments.

Late I could no longer take care of everything, along with a car payment. So I used my personal finances to pay off one of the cars, and my oldest daughter paid off her car.

- I have received child support from from I have not received any since When our divorce became final, in had ordered to pay child support beginning from Originally, had calculated the amount of child support incorrectly, when figuring the days legally has the kids each year. My attorney mentioned this mistake to and he ignored it, and has yet to make the correction.
- Throughout the course of our marriage, I have always been the more hands-on parent. has never been very active in our children's lives. Consequently, the children have no desire to spend time with him. He has also made no effort to build a relationship with them, during this last years. however, ordered the children to go to therapy for an evaluation. I sent the children to the therapist. This cost me out of pocket. Once the therapy evaluation was completed, still ruled that equally gets the children didn't even read the therapist's report, and instead had listened to The children refuse to see their father to this day.
- During the time we were together, from was and was an This is why ir I had to have an order of protection placed against him, and he had to leave the house. He violated this protection order, and my mom saw him in our house. I had to call the police for this incident. He is still on probation for this event. We have since seen another judge for this protection order, and continues to blame me for him being on probation. After this protection order was finished in I did not want to get another protection order, so he began abusing me again. He had me locked out of the house, he followed me in his car and made erroneous claims about me to the police, which proved invalid, and he also came into my back yard. I had a harassment order placed on him after this. He took me to court, filing a complaint against the harassment order. The judge did not drop the protection order, and said this has nothing to do with him not seeing his kids. He is allowed to call, text or email me arrangements to see the children. However, fails to contact the children. I would challenge the courts to have prove that he has tried to contact them.
- In the divorce papers, I had requested to change my last name. In the documents, I even wrote down the last name I wanted. denied this, saying I never requested it, which is proof he never reviewed the documents that my lawyer gave him.
- During the divorce trial, gave me most of credit card fees, and all of his lawyer fees, plus interest. was ordered for me to pay large amounts of debt, and

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