

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 17-117

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge was verbally abusive to attorneys.

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 complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

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

Dated: July 19, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 19, 2017.

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

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

Re:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am [redacted] that has [redacted] Judge [redacted] on [redacted] his behavior has given myself [redacted] a cause for concern. He has lacked judicial temperament- often verbally abusing [redacted] on the record. This behavior is not conducive to the administration of justice and undermines the respect [redacted] This behavior is [redacted] but has continued to a point where this letter has become necessary. Unfortunately, this letter must be submitted anonymously as [redacted] Judge [redacted] I understand that this may limit the options for this Commission but nonetheless I am submitting this letter in the hopes the Commission takes note.

Sincerely,