

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 17-176

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge did not afford him an opportunity to be heard and engaged in improper demeanor in a family law 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.

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: August 30, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 30, 2017.

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

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____

Judge's Name: _____

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records.

See ATTACHMENT

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Complaint Against: Judge

On _____ at the _____, the hearing with the Judge was very unprofessional. The judge started out with an attitude, I understand these cases are stressful. My attorney and I were cut off when asking for explanations, bullying the participants by saying your case is a mess and there is no reason this should be in my court, at times yelling at the attorneys not allowing them to talk. This was a resolution hearing and there were questions in the divorce decree that we needed answers too and he would not answer. The judge wrote in the Divorce Decree, on

The attorney _____ tried to ask what this meant, the Judge said this was not what it meant _____) and then started bullying and intimidating myself and the respondent _____. Please listen to the hearing tapes for this date, this is my formal complaint.