

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 18-003

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased and made erroneous 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: February 14, 2018

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Margaret H. Downie

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Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 14, 2018.

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.

I am issuing this complaint as I was witness to the "trial" and have also contributed over _____ towards defendant's legal fees.

Plaintiff _____ is financially destitute as a result of attempting to respond to all the flagrant charges made by plaintiff and her attorney.

During trial judge gave me the impression she favored the defendant - _____ seemed to doubt testimony provided by plaintiff -

This impression is exhibited in rulings within Decree of Dissolution judge issued on _____ - see attached.

Also attached are my comments regarding Decree of Dissolution documenting my belief as to the many errors the judge made in issuing the decree.

Lastly, in reviewing the potential for appealing Decree of Dissolution - 3 lawyers have stated to me the Arizona judicial system is broken, and that the Arizona Appeals Court is reluctant / afraid to rule against a judge. This is one reason why less than 18% of all appeals result in any corrections/changes to the decree.

Arizona needs to fix the judicial system, as both lawyers and citizens are losing confidence in it.