

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 18-050

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

A superior court judge self-reported a delayed ruling.

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 commission's file in this matter has been closed, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Commission members Gus Aragón and Anna Mary Glaab did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: March 20, 2018

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Margaret H. Downie

Margaret H. Downie  
Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on March 20, 2018.

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

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct  
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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

To the Commissioners,

The purpose of this letter is to self-report that I missed the 60-day deadline on a ruling in [redacted] by one calendar day. This matter is a hotly contested [redacted] The parties are involved in extensive [redacted] The ruling in issue involved a [redacted] based on allegations of facts numbering over [redacted] paragraphs. I mistakenly believed my ruling was due in late [redacted] but realized during my holiday vacation (while checking in at my office) that it was actually due the first week of [redacted] I did my level best to get the ruling out within 60 days but missed it by a day.

The attorneys have been very cooperative in this case and even offered, in regard to one or more of the several [redacted] I have recently decided, to move the oral arguments out further in time to give me some breathing space. I declined, desiring to move the case past these [redacted] without delay. I regret missing this deadline. It was my own calendaring mistake, not the mistake of my staff.

I now note the due dates on the motion papers for the under advisement motions I calendar myself, as opposed to those calendared by my staff. I don't generally issue rulings that close to the 60-day deadline, but hopefully noting the dates on the motion papers will prevent a missed deadline in the future.

Please let me know if you need further information.

Very truly yours