

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 18-078

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a justice of the peace took a public position that undermined his integrity.

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).

Dated: May 16, 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 May 16, 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:** _____

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It is my contention, and that of many residents all over _____ that
and _____ the _____ have colluded together to close the Precinct
_____ here in _____ is in violation of Rule 1.1 and Rule 1.2 of the Arizona
Code of Judicial Conduct.
_____ and _____ have been close friends for many years. She campaigned for him
in _____ and he publicly referred to her as
By Eliminating the _____ - there will only be one court for the entire county. One court equals one Judge
who would have complete autonomy to make decisions on cases. The _____ scheduled to hear
cases transferred from _____, is _____ cousin. I see a pattern of more
control and corruption.

_____ told the people that doing away with the court would save _____ She was informed
that people were asking if an increased workload for _____ increases the
amount of pay the sitting Justice will receive as well as increase his retirement benefits. Her response
was that _____ would not see any increase in his pay for the _____

It is very clear that his future pay and benefits will increase. A pay raise would only be one of the
advantages to being the only _____ He would have the prestige, the title, the control,
and the only Judge that has the authority to decide if cases have enough evidence to move forward in the
judicial process.

While I fully realize you cannot govern _____ behavior at her position with the County, she is
using her position to enhance _____ bank account and doing it with his knowledge and
consent. For _____ to put himself in this position definitely impugns his integrity and most
certainly would subject him to increased public scrutiny and diminish the public trust in the court.

End of Statement //////////////////////////////////////

Thank you.

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