

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 18-163

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a superior court judge was biased against her and made improper rulings in a family law matter.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if a judicial officer 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 a judicial officer's rulings. In addition, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judicial officer 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 George H. Foster, Jr. did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: August 23, 2018

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 23, 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.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting Judge [redacted] be investigated for being bias towards my ex-husband [redacted]. I have submitted all documents the judge had requested me and only looked at [redacted] in the case. My POA of another couple to care for child during my parenting time without informing father of POA. I explained to the judge that [redacted]

[redacted] has been violent towards [redacted] and towards me; I feared for [redacted] safety being full time at [redacted]. The couple I choose, I and [redacted] have known since [redacted] old (he is currently [redacted]) and when we were able to attend church, he was in [redacted]. It was understood to the couple and myself that once I returned for the final hearing of our case that was the end of their duties. I had given full calendar schedule for father parent time, which father did not lose any time, in fact, father had increased time due to I informing father that joint custody meant doing his share of parenting which included transportation. Father does not see that. He sees I didn't want to help assist transportation with [redacted]

During the [redacted] of court hearings and procedures, Judge [redacted] requested documentation in full [redacted]. I have provided these documents and the judge read [redacted] stating child [redacted]. If the judge had read these notes, it had been stated time and time again child does not want to be with father anymore. Judge [redacted] has ordered [redacted]; however father did not comply with orders. Judge [redacted] has given father many, many, many, many chances to comply and does nothing when order is not taken seriously.

I have documentations upon documentations that support what is happening. I would also ask the auditory recordings of these proceedings [redacted] be reviewed as well. My intention has ALWAYS been in the best interest of the child. It is foolish to say that my absence caused increased [redacted]. In fact, mother and child relationship has [redacted] and the increase of responsibility of child increased at [redacted]. Father argues that mother's absence has been better for child due to the fact that [redacted]

I am asking on behalf of not me but the child that this investigation is as thorough as possible to protect other children in the same situation (there is currently another case similar to mine in [redacted] with the same issues with a different judge).

Thank you for your time and understanding,

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