

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 18-178

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a superior court commissioner accepted a donation that gave rise to an appearance of impropriety.

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.

After review, 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 members George H. Foster, Jr., Diane M. Johnsen and J. Tyrrell Taber did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: November 7, 2018

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on November 7, 2018.

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

To whom it may concern:

The recent article in the \_\_\_\_\_ shows a Superior Court Commissioner accepting a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ contribution from a \_\_\_\_\_. This does not look good for the impartiality of the court, especially knowing that there are many cases filed by and against \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ County Court. Some of those cases are pending now. If I were a party in one of those cases, I would be worried that I would not be treated justly.

Please review this in the context of the rules governing judicial ethics and the fact that this Commissioner's judgement has previously been called into question within the \_\_\_\_\_ County Superior Courthouse.

I submit this anonymously.