

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 18-209

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a justice of the peace inappropriately coordinated his campaign with another candidate, was frequently away from the court during business hours, recused himself from a large amount of eviction proceedings, and started rumors about another court employee.

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 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.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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- Exhibit 1 complaint
- Exhibit 2 Affidavit
- Exhibit 3 Affidavit
- Exhibit 4 Affidavit
- Exhibit 5 Affidavit from
- Exhibit 6 photo of
- Exhibit 7 photo of Judge
- Exhibit 8 Petition Sheet
- Exhibit 9 Petition Sheet
- Exhibit 10 Petition Sheet
- Exhibit 11 Petition Sheet
- Exhibit 12 Petition Sheet
- Exhibit 13 Petition Sheet
- Exhibit 14 Spreadsheet of the candidate's signatures (this sheet only accounts for matching dates)
- Exhibit 15 Copy of Writ of Restitution for the month of

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- Exhibit 1 complaint

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Dear Commission,

It is with great sadness I am writing this complaint. The actions involved in this complaint reach far beyond the [redacted] and the bench but erode at the very thing that makes this Country so great which is our justice system and the trust our citizens put into the system. We in that system must and should police our own even at great expense to our own reputation or demise. Without this integrity our justice system would collapse. I have spent my entire life standing up for the rights of others in our society and ensuring that people are treated fairly. I have worked with [redacted] and a host of [redacted]. I believe that if contacted [redacted] would give a more than favorable report on my reputation and work ethics.

On or about [redacted] the [redacted] sponsored a [redacted] [redacted]. This was a gathering for the [redacted] hosted by [redacted]. During this event [redacted] asked [redacted] if he could take a photo with myself unbeknown to me. The Judge explained to [redacted] that he needed to stay impartial and by taking a photo with [redacted] could be construed as an endorsement. [redacted] understood what Judge [redacted] had

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COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,
PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST
IN WRITING TO THE
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
CONDUCT AND REFERENCE
THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**