

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 18-286

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a justice of the peace failed to rule on her request for a default judgment.

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 Art Hinshaw did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: December 19, 2018

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on December 19, 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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Default Judgment - did not rule or

acknowledge. Case was in

Court partial payment tender,

Judge advised that remaining amount

can be pursued in Justice Court.

Defendant

v All

documents were submitted for Judge

ruling. Judge gave Defendant

preferential treatment by not ruling

on the Default Judgment. Judge

requested a hearing

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no documentation was sent to the  
Plaintiff stating the time Date  
location, Plaintiff at an disadvantage  
no notification to attend hearing,  
incompetence of the clerk and Judge  
Judge allowed this to happen no  
accountability. Misconduct Violation  
as follows: "see attachment 4"  
note: Default Judgment not ruled,  
on, Defendant missed date to re-  
spond, Default Judgment stands.

Judge requested a hearing and no documentation was sent to the Plaintiff, so that I could attend, incompetence of the clerk and the Judge for allowing it to happen.

Violation as follows:

Canon 1.

Rule 1.1. Comment.

Rule 1.2. Comment 1, 3, 4, 5.

Canon 2

Rule 2.2. Comment 1, 2, 3, 4.

Rule 2.3. (A), (B), (C), Comment 1, 3.

Rule 2.4. (c) Comment

Rule 2.5.(A), Comment 1, 4, 5, Article

2, § 11

Rule 2.6. Comment 1, 2.

Rule 2.7. Comment 1, 2.

Rule 2.8. Comment 1.

Rule 2.9. (A), (1) (b), (3), (4), (D)

Comment 6.

Rule 2.11 (A), 1.

Rule 3.5.