

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 18-307

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a pro tem municipal court judge did not allow her to be heard, did not afford her an objective hearing, and retaliated against her in a protective order proceeding.

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).

Dated: February 6, 2019

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 6, 2019.

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

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**2018-307**

**COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judge's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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On \_\_\_\_\_ terminated an Injunction Against Harassment  
that had protected me from my next door neighbor, \_\_\_\_\_ I had obtained the Injunction on the  
advice of the \_\_\_\_\_ Police Department after a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of harassment, threatening behavior and  
chronic voyeurism from \_\_\_\_\_ (Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ Court No. \_\_\_\_\_  
signed by Judge \_\_\_\_\_ ).

I obtained the Injunction the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ after \_\_\_\_\_ had invited his  
and another \_\_\_\_\_ to participate with him in voyeuring me in my hot tub at \_\_\_\_\_ After taking statements, the  
police advised me to obtain an Order of Protection immediately. (Police Case Number \_\_\_\_\_ )  
\_\_\_\_\_ and the boys were facing potential charges of felony voyeurism, and to protect themselves  
concocted a story that I had enticed them - classic " \_\_\_\_\_ " As part of this strategy they also had  
\_\_\_\_\_ obtain a bogus injunction against me on behalf of their \_\_\_\_\_ - Judge  
signed that injunction. Another part of \_\_\_\_\_ strategy to avoid felony voyeurism charges was to  
protest the injunction protecting me from him.

\_\_\_\_\_ was assigned to the hearing protesting my injunction against  
brought his criminal defense attorney to the hearing in \_\_\_\_\_ Court, who immediately capitalized on this by  
showing Judge \_\_\_\_\_ the injunction she herself had signed against me \_\_\_\_\_ before. From that  
moment on, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ did not allow any of my testimony against \_\_\_\_\_ never got to tell her  
about the horrid and appalling things he had done to me over the previous \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ nor that the  
police had advised me to obtain the order of protection. She allowed \_\_\_\_\_ and his family to tell their  
concocted story repeatedly, and she allowed \_\_\_\_\_ to " \_\_\_\_\_ " and humiliate me on the stand.  
She overrode all of my attorney's objections to this. She actually said early on in the hearing, " \_\_\_\_\_"  
\_\_\_\_\_, accusing me of falsely accusing my perpetrator.

In my opinion as well as that of my attorney, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ was not willing to consider that the injunction  
she herself had signed against me was based on a false story, and that I legitimately needed protection  
from this man. Her handling of the hearing and her ruling was not objective.

Immediately after being freed from the Injunction, \_\_\_\_\_ intimidation, harassment and threatening,  
prowling behavior resumed in earnest, witnessed by my family and friends, to the point that they felt  
firearm protection was needed (I declined). The police, knowing the situation, put my house on  
heightened patrol but could do no more for me without the order of protection in place. I was forced to  
move away from the house I have owned for \_\_\_\_\_ and the town I had lived in for \_\_\_\_\_. That is why my  
address now is in \_\_\_\_\_ has been asking neighbors for information on where I've moved,  
so please, please, please I beg you do not disclose my address to him.

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The \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney was asked by \_\_\_\_\_ officials to look into this case, as I was a respected \_\_\_\_\_ who was forced to resign my position and move away. Of course the ruling itself was not affected by the review, but I do believe Judge \_\_\_\_\_ was talked to about it. On \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_ ordered me to pay \_\_\_\_\_ attorney fees of \_\_\_\_\_. To me, this smacks of retaliation. It is ludicrous that a victim be ordered to pay her perpetrator's attorney fees. Women will not seek needed orders of protection if they fear they will have to pay their abuser's attorney, and I know of no abused women who could afford this. I certainly cannot - moving has cost me many, many \_\_\_\_\_ of dollars and has put me in serious debt already.

I would like to see Judge \_\_\_\_\_ censured for her decisions on this case, for the sake of other women in danger who desperately need the court's protection from their abusers. I would also like her to be told the damage her decisions have caused. I was a civically-active member of the community, working dilligently in the areas of disability awareness, open space preservation and bringing \_\_\_\_\_ to the public. I had been asked to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ I have lost my home, my social support system, my community and the future I had planned. All because one \_\_\_\_\_ refused to listen to my story and leave in place the only protection I had.

Thank you so much for considering my complaint regarding Judge \_\_\_\_\_ I hope that this becomes a change for the better for other women needing protection in \_\_\_\_\_