

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 18-322

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a superior court judge improperly closed an estate.

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 Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: February 13, 2019

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 13, 2019.

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

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2018-322

**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.

My complaint against \_\_\_\_\_ is in regards to probate of the estate of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ did business as \_\_\_\_\_ and in that capacity had investors who had invested  
approximately \_\_\_\_\_ with her. Upon her death this money vanished. \_\_\_\_\_ law firm represented  
the estate of \_\_\_\_\_ and in that capacity failed her duty to the estate by not obtaining Federal tax  
returns for the years of \_\_\_\_\_ or a complete return for \_\_\_\_\_. The incomplete return for \_\_\_\_\_ showed  
"\_\_\_\_\_ " income of \_\_\_\_\_ that was never explained and may have led to other assets of the estate. In a  
letter dated \_\_\_\_\_ requested this additional information from \_\_\_\_\_. In an order dated  
\_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_ ordered that "  
\_\_\_\_\_. No further information was provided by the estate/\_\_\_\_\_. Subsequently Judge  
closed the estate over the objections of \_\_\_\_\_  
I feel that it is judicial misconduct to close an estate without the estate ever obtaining a complete  
Federal tax return for \_\_\_\_\_ or returns for \_\_\_\_\_