

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 18-330

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court commissioner made an improper comment during his sentencing, and the commissioner had a conflict of interest in hearing another defendant's case.

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 member Gus Aragón did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: February 20, 2019

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 20, 2019.

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

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Your name:

Judge's name: _

_ Date: _

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Attach additional pages, as needed. Please describe in your own words what the judge said or did that you believe constitutes judicial misconduct. To help us understand your concern, be specific and list all of the names, dates, times and places where the conduct occurred. Include only copies of original documents or court recordings that are relevant to your allegations. Print or type on one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your files.

JUDGE STATED DURING MY SENTENCING HEARING THAT PEOPLE THAT HAVE DONE WHAT I DID (OFFENDER) SHOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED TO SEE FREEDOM AGAIN.

A DIFFERENT INMATE TOLD SEVERAL PEOPLE IN COUNTY FACILITY DURING HIS DAY SENTENCE THAT HE PERSONALLY KNOWS JUDGE AND HAS HAD DINNER AT JUDGE HOME WITH JUDGE WAS HIS JUDGE FOR HIS CASE. WAS IN AND OF

JUDGE APPEARS TO BE AS AGGRESSIVE AS HE CAN BE AGAINST CASES, UNLESS HE KNOWS THE PERSON ACCUSED.

(Attach additional sheets as needed)