

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 18-365

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The Complainant alleged a superior court commissioner was impatient with self-represented litigants and set an unnecessary hearing which caused hardship.

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: April 3, 2019

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on April 3, 2019.

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:** _____

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.

Complaint to the Arizona Commission on Judicial
Conduct, regarding

2018-365

Background: I have been helping my neighbor,
, with her dissolution because she is
and limited by pulmonary insufficiency. After filing and
following procedures, we had a default hearing on

at approximately I will be

month, and so, this was an effort to for me as well.

The salient details are these: asked for child
support. told her to come back in

months with proof of social security and pension.

I told the that we had all of that. In point
of fact, I had brought proof of social security, proof of
pension, and, I had entered the data into the spousal
calculator on the internet, and printed out the results.
So, he had everything he needed to decree spousal
support for the requested amount. So, in effect, he was
asking us to come back in months with the data that
we already had with us and had offered to him.

The seemed impatient with those that
did not have attorneys in the court, and I understand
that. But, told to come
back with proof of social security and pension, and I told

him that we had it right here. But, he either did not hear me, or chose to ignore me. So, should I wish to pursue the issue, she has to come back to court again with the same documents that we had brought today.

The attorney who was present, will, I am sure, if asked, verify my allegations. I found the actions to be unprofessional, and causing unnecessary hardship to a person of diminished health.