

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 18-368

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge denied him the right to a jury trial and falsely accused him of being a vexatious litigant.

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.

****NOTE: If you have not already spoken with an attorney in the Attorney/Consumer Assistance Program you may wish to call 602/340-7280 BEFORE submitting this form

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSUMER	NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAWYER
Telephone No. Email address:	Telephone No.

1. Did or does this lawyer represent you?

YES ___ NO X

If "YES", provide the approximate dates the lawyer represented you, and the amount, if any, paid to the lawyer.

If "NO", how did you come into contact with this lawyer?

I have not engaged in any form of personal contact with _____

(Judge)

is the Judge assigned Case No.: _____

2. Do you currently have a lawyer other than the one named in this charge form?

YES ___ NO X

If "YES", provide your lawyer's name and address.

3. If your charge is about conduct in a lawsuit, provide the following information:

Case number of the lawsuit: Case No.: _____

Title of the lawsuit (for example, *Smith v. Jones*): _____

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Name of court (for example, Superior or Municipal Court, and name of county or city): _____

Approximate date the lawsuit was filed: _____

What is your connection to the lawsuit (for example, plaintiff or defendant): _____
Plaintiff / Professional Lawyer representing Plaintiffs (plural)

4. Is the lawyer in possession of money or other property (for example, your original documents or client file) that you believe should be returned to you?

YES _____ NO X

If "YES" please identify the money or property *and include any written fee agreement*::

5. What type of legal work was/is involved? (Check all that apply)

- Collections
- Family Law/Divorce
- Criminal Law/Traffic Offenses
- Personal Injury
- Immigration
- Worker's Compensation
- General Civil
- Other

was the Judge assigned Case No.: _____

6. What is the general nature of your charge against the lawyer (Check all that apply and please explain in Section 7 below)

- Delay or lack of diligence
- Failing to Answer letters or phone calls
- Refusing to return your files or papers
- Conflict of interest
- Improper handling of your money or property
- Not keeping you informed of progress on your case
- Not following instructions
- Other Denial of right to a jury trial - 16 A.R.S. Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 38 - Right to a Jury Trial; Demand

7. State your charge in your own words. Before doing so, you may wish to review "Information about Filing a Charge Against a Lawyer." Include all important dates, times, places, and details so that the specific nature of your charge can be understood.

Use additional sheets if necessary. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM.
denied Plaintiffs' (plural) Right to a Jury Trial.
