

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 19-100

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 24, 2019

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace should have disqualified herself from a criminal matter.

The role of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine whether a judicial officer has engaged in conduct that violates the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct or Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution. There must be clear and convincing evidence of such a violation in order for the Commission to take disciplinary action against a judicial officer.

The Commission does not have jurisdiction to overturn, amend, or remand a judicial officer's legal rulings. The Commission reviewed all relevant available information and concluded there was not clear and convincing evidence of ethical misconduct in this matter. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 24, 2019.

Judicial Conduct in Arizona
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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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2019-100

I was _____ by the same court that Judge _____ works at where she heard my son's case. The presiding judge of that court is _____ and he and his sister had _____ or _____ in contested matters in the past. **Court** _____

_____ had said she was going to recuse in a prior case where I had brought up the conflicts.

My son was arrested again and _____ was reassigned but this time, for unknown reasons, she did not send the case to the _____ court the way she had before.

At the end of the case it was dismissed. She then assessed attorney fees against my son *after* the case was dismissed.

I believe _____ created an appearance of impropriety by making it seem like this was indirect payback for the contentious relationship I've had with my ex. The presiding judge and his _____ represented my ex and his family. That's why he recused and the familial tie.

Even if _____ denies it there are still minute entries where she said she would recuse if this matter went to trial and from my experience in that court these matters are not assessed attorney fees when dismissed. This is what I saw in my son's case in another jurisdiction too. So what she did is highly unusual. She should have recused and let the fee decision be addressed by another jurisdiction – after all she had already sent one case to

court once before. This assessment makes it look like she is trying to carry out some vendetta on behalf of _____ against our family.

I am also including an article where she is quoted in the paper taking what seems to be a stance against a court administrator. The court administrator would have pointed out to _____ that _____ cases and even former _____ case are sent out. That has been a long-standing rule in the county court. The use of the article is to point out that _____ is obviously not listening to any wise counsel from the court administrator.

Thank you.

Defendant's Courtroom

IN THE COURSE OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

Plaintiff/Counter-defendant

Case No.

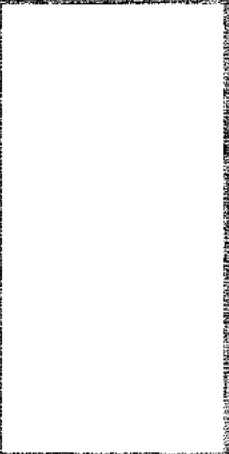
NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Assigned to: Hon.

Defendant's court room

THIS IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

NO.



ARIZONA COUNTY

JUDGE PAUL TILFORD-JONES

CLERK RECORDER

DATE

NO.



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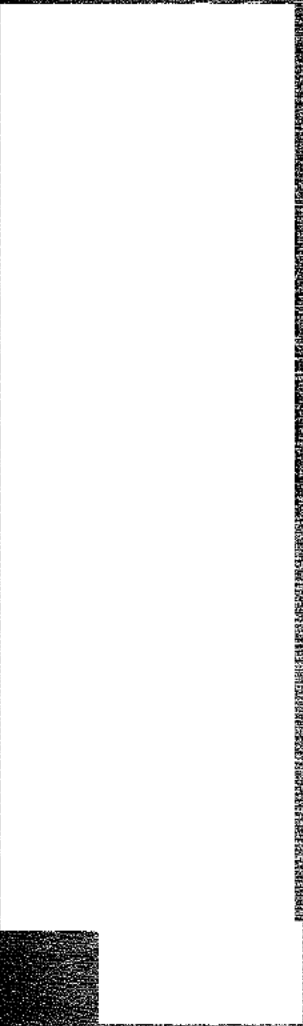


Plaintiff's Attorney



Respondent's Attorney

MINUTE ENTRY



STATE OF ARIZONA VS. _____	MINUTE ENTRY / ORDER AND JUDGMENT TODAY'S HEARING: Arraignment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9.1 Advised <input type="checkbox"/> Jury Trial Right	<input type="checkbox"/> IN WARRANT STATUS CASE NO. _____ LEA NO. _____ BOND POSTED: _____
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Parties Present: Defense Attorney _____ County Attorney _____
 Defendant Interpreter Victim Other _____

Statute Number	Description	Plea	Finding	Dismiss with without prejudice	Fine
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YOUR NEXT COURT HEARING IS: Date _____ Time _____ AMPM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Case Management Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidentiary Hearing/Oral Argument | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacate Pending Court Dates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Status/Review Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Bench Trial | <input type="checkbox"/> Affirm Pending Court Dates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Plea | <input type="checkbox"/> Contempt/Compliance Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DEFENDANT IS:
 Placed on Unsupervised probation for _____ months. Supervised probation for _____ months; probation fees of \$_____ per month.
 Committed to County Jail for _____ days. Suspend _____ days on completion of conditions of probation. (Serve _____ days).
 Credit _____ days for time served.

DEFENDANT IS ORDERED TO:
 County Attorney DV Diversion by _____ DV Offender treatment program (_____ sessions) by _____
 Alcohol / Drug Evaluation by _____ _____ hours of Parenting classes by _____
 Alcohol / Drug Education & Treatment by _____ _____ hours of Community Restitution by _____
Defendant must submit written proof of completion of the above marked items to the Court)

No co-_____ no consented contact with victim(s) and/or _____
 No further domestic violence Do not return to _____

DEFENDANT IS ORDERED TO PAY: Total \$ _____ Pay \$ _____ per month beginning _____
 Pay in full today
 Fine \$ _____ Attorney Fees \$ _____ \$20.00 JCEF \$50.00
 Suspend \$ _____ Incarceration Fee \$ _____ Warrant fee(s) \$ _____ \$50.00
 Restitution \$ _____ Waive Incarceration Fee Waive Warrant Fee Confid
(Costs of collection will be added to all balances referred to collection agencies)

Issue Warrant Set Bond \$ _____ Warrant Remains Quash Warrant Lift Su
 Bond is hereby: Exonerated \$ _____ Converted \$ _____ Assigned to _____ Forfeited _____

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: _____

As applicable, the defendant has been advised and given written notice of the right to appeal.
 You have been diverted from prosecution for an offense included in domestic violence. You
 1. If you successfully complete the terms and conditions of diversion, the court will dismiss the charges ag
 2. If you fail to successfully complete the terms and conditions of diversion, the court may enter a finding
 I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the foregoing order and I understand that if I violate any of these orders, the Court may issue a warrant for my arrest and order me to jail pending further proceedings. If I have been placed on probation, the Court may revoke and terminate my probation and impose sentence in accordance with the law. I promise to notify the court immediately, in writing, of any change in my current address

DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ cell DEFENDANT _____

DATE: _____ JUDGE: _____

COUNTY

STATE OF ARIZONA VS.	MINUTE ENTRY ORDER AND JUDGMENT	CASE NO. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE <input type="checkbox"/> ACCOUNT IN COLLECTION <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIALTY COURT
		<input type="checkbox"/> Jury Trial Right

PRESENT: Defense Attorney County Attorney
 Interpreter Defendant Waived Victim Parent Officer Other

Statute Number	Description	Plea / Finding	Dismiss with/without prejudice	Fine/Civil Sanction	Amount with proof
			<input type="checkbox"/>		
			<input type="checkbox"/>		
			<input type="checkbox"/>		
			<input type="checkbox"/>		

YOUR NEXT COURT DATE IS TO BE DETERMINED	TOTAL		
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DIVERSION OPTION:

DEFENDANT IS ORDERED TO:

DEFENDANT IS ORDERED TO SHOW:

(NOTE: Failure to pay may result in collection costs and suspension of your driver's license)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED
 Victim submits a letter requesting transfer of case alleging conflict issues. Although Judge _____ stated on the record that she has no conflict and all parties agree, the victim's request to transfer will be honored. **TRANSFER CASE TO _____ COURT.**

Release Agreement Statement: I promise to comply with my release conditions, including the standard conditions listed on the back of this form. I understand I have the right to be present at my trial and other proceedings in my case, and that if I fail to appear, the trial or proceedings may be held without me, any bond posted may be forfeited and a warrant may be issued for my arrest. **I promise to notify the court immediately, in writing, of any change in my current address.**

Statement of Understanding: I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the foregoing order. I understand that if I violate any of these orders, the Court may issue a warrant for my arrest and order me to jail pending further proceedings. If I have been placed on probation, the Court may revoke and terminate my probation and impose sentence in accordance with the law. **I promise to notify the court immediately, in writing, of any change in my current address.**

DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____ **JUDGE:** _____
 Hon. _____ Pro Tem Hearing Officer
 Copy given to defendant in court Original Court file Copy to: Defendant, County Attorney, Defense Attorney, Probation

**THE COMMISSION'S POLICY IS
TO POST ONLY THE FIRST FIVE
PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED
COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

**FOR ACCESS TO THE
REMAINDER OF THE
COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,
PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST
IN WRITING TO THE
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
CONDUCT AND REFERENCE
THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**