

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 19-160

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

August 28, 2019

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge made an inappropriate comment in a family law proceeding.

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).

Commission member George H. Foster, Jr. did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 28, 2019.

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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.

The Judge stated that a court order is only as worth as the paper it is written on. So essentially, the court has no authority over any proceeding and is unable to exercise any judicial oversight in the oversight of any decision of the court or those parties in agreement. This is a lack of professionalism and authority of the court. so it calls into question as to why we need to pay for the services of the court or any decisions it makes. This should be in the court record.