

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 19-184

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

September 4, 2019

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge (now retired) was biased against him and forced him to enter a plea agreement.

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 members Gus Aragón and Roger D. Barton did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on September 4, 2019.

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19-184

**COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

During pre trial conference Judge failed to listen to me  
when I went on record and said I will not sign the plea deal that  
was offered. He said " \_\_\_\_\_ at which time  
I was forced to sign a deal I did not want to. He paid no mind to  
any case details and refused evidence that could prove my innocence.  
I feel the Judge had a Bias and even my Attorney commented.

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

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