

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 19-203

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

November 5, 2019

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge engaged in ex parte communication, had a conflict of interest, prejudged the case, and made incorrect rulings in a juvenile 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 members Roger D. Barton, Barbara Brown, George H. Foster, Jr., and Diane M. Johnsen did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on November 5, 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.

I have _____ major concerns and complaints against judge _____ Mine and my daughters parental rights were severed in _____ My mother _____ was placement for my oldest daughters _____ since _____ During that time I had my _____ daughter _____ and our close family friend _____ and also the director of my other daughters day care _____ and _____ took placement of her. Judge _____ became the judge after our rights were severed. In _____ stated to me that a father of another child at the day care was the best friend of Judge _____ and was also the best man at his wedding and she had been talking to him and telling him to convince the judge to rule in favor of her and my mom adopting the girls. During this time my uncle in _____ was intervening trying to get custody of my daughters. _____ stated that my uncle _____ told her if she was on his side and not my mothers that he would not fight her for custody of _____ After this everything went down hill. _____ stopped all contact with me and my mom and at court Judge _____ sided with and made him placement of _____ and _____ I signed a waiver for my previous attorney _____ to represent my mom. She currently has plenty of evidence to why the judges ruling was not right and proving all of _____ alligations are entirely incorrect. Recently when i found out who the judge was I realized Judge _____ was mine and my childrens judge at superior court for several domestic violence incidents (Case No: _____) Judge _____ never made the court aware of this and when _____ brought it up he said he sees no conflict of interest but i see a big conflict. He was rude and very judgemental towards us during the _____ case. Now here is my biggest concern , one of _____ previous employees from the day care who wished not to be named recently stopped working there and gave my mom the name of the father at the day care _____ told me was Judge _____ best friend. His name is _____ who works for _____ I was shocked to find this information out and i truly believe something needs to be done about this. I know the communication of this case between the judge _____ has a huge role in why my daughters were taken from my mom and it is not right. _____ has sent my daughters with complete strangers who my daughters have probably seen maybe _____ times in their whole lives across the world. They have been taken from everything they know and love in _____ and this is extremely detrimental and no one seems to care about the saftey of my children. I am beyond upset and hurt and all these people should not be getting away with this. and more than anything my daughters should be back in the home with their grandmother where they have been the past _____ and stable and loved. if you have any questions you can contact me anytime and im truly hoping this is taken serious and someone will finally listen, Thank you.



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I would also like to add that when my rights were severed it took the Judge over to make his decision. Judge took to make the decision of moving my children from my moms to my Uncles in . In my mind I feel as if his mind was already made up. This is innocent little girls lives theres no way he made a decision that quickly.