

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 19-221

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge engaged in improper demeanor in 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.

After review, the Commission found that the judge made comments that were meant to mock the defendant's intelligence level. While this was improper under Rules 1.2 and 2.8(B) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Scope Section of the Code provides that it is not intended that every transgression will result in the imposition of discipline. The Commission decided, after considering all the facts and circumstances, to dismiss the Complaint pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a), but to issue a warning letter to the judicial officer reminding him of his obligations to be "patient, dignified, and courteous" in court proceedings and conduct himself in a manner that promotes public confidence in the judiciary.

Commission members Barbara Brown and George H. Foster, Jr., did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: November 6, 2019

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez
Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on November 6, 2019.

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TEXTO DE LA QUEJA CONTRA UN JUEZ

Nombre: _____ Nombre del juez: _____

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HAD A STAND IN I TOLD
THAT I HAD A AUTOMATIC
WEAPON AND BLISTIC TYPED ROUNDS AND A SILENCER
AND THAT I SHOULD NOT BE IN CUSTODY THAT
I COMMITTED A FEDERAL CRIME AND THAT MADE
JUDGE VERY MAD AND HE GOT RED
IN THE FACE AND TOLD ME TO STOP TALKING
I TOLD STAND THAT I HAD
A MOTION TO FILE HE WOULD NOT EXCEPT IT
THEN TOLD TO GIVE MY MOTION
TO JUDGE HE WOULD NOT EXCEPT IT
THEN ASKED JUDGE IF HE WOULD
EXCEPT IT JUDGE
TOLD ENOUGH FILE YOUR MOTION WITH
THE REAL COURTS? ENOUGH THEN I TOLD
JUDGE I HAD AUTOMATIC
WEAPON AND BLISTIC ROUNDS JUDGE
TOLD ME YOUR OUT OF HERE
I LEFT WITH OUT INCIDENT WILL SOME
ONE HELP ME.

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FORMULARIO DE LA QUEJA CONTRA UN JUEZ

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