

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 19-229

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

October 9, 2019

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge coerced him into taking a plea agreement and improperly denied his request for post-conviction relief.

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 Colleen E. Concannon did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 9, 2019.

In during a settlement conference, Judge was coercing me to take a plea, Judge was coercing me to take a term. Under the threat that if I go to court, "A Judicial person of the court is not supposed to coerce people to take a plea under threat and intimidation.

Now in I had addressed Judge about several problems. The plea in my case that I did not sign (and I'm willing to take a lie detector test for). The plea that was altered and changed before the change of plea hearing. At the beginning of the hearing Judge states "Then Judge and started making changes to the plea, discussing changes to the plea. Then Judge says both parties will have to approach the bench to. Then Judge says I noticed you (I have already initiated those changes, I will initial the others, Now this proves that altered the plea before court and put her initials on it. Also on this plea only some of these alterations were discussed in court.

other charges were not discussed. They have no initials on them. Another problem is that there is not one initial by my attorney nor I accepting these alterations. Judge [redacted] was addressed about the claim on the plea that I had [redacted]. Judge [redacted] was told that of those [redacted] one of those I've never even been charged with. The other two were only misdemeanors.

In the change of plea, Judge [redacted] allowed both to lie and misstate the record and my Attorney Judge [redacted] was addressed about the error in stating my past charges that were up to [redacted] 1st. A Violation of [redacted] Judge [redacted] was also informed that I was blind. And Judge [redacted] claims I read, and understood the plea. Then signed it. How does a blind man read, understand and sign a plea. Then at sentencing under threat and intimidation, I was made to sign two papers and finger prints without my attorney there. Then in [redacted] I filed a Per. notice. And Judge [redacted] denied my per before it was ever sent in. I just filed the notice. [redacted] said I did not prove anything, but this was just a notice. It was [redacted] after it got to the court. Judge [redacted] is a bias Judge and should not be on the bench. And I wish this to be looked into.