

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 19-330

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

December 24, 2019

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge was racially biased in a criminal case.

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 Commission Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Commission members Christopher W. Ames and George H. Foster, Jr. did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on December 24, 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.

Dear Sir;

This letter is an official complaint regarding the verdict handed down on defendant: _____ It is my understanding Judge _____ found Mr. _____ of charging involving his _____ old daughter. I would like to say, this verdict appears to be based on the color of the skin of the defendant, not on the burden of proof. Mr. _____ is a loving and dedicated father, who was accused falsely by his _____ due to her anger towards her father because of his verbal reprimand. It is also my understanding, the verdict was based on past records of Mr. _____ which did not involve any domestic violence nor confrontations. It is true Mr. _____ committed a crime in the past and he had paid for that crime. His previous crime was not parallel to what he is currently being accused of. It appears to me, the court is not basing this verdict on evidence, but on opinions of the past. It is sad in this country, we have a constitution but it only applies to a select few. Our forefathers did not write the constitution for just those who could afford an expensive attorney but for all citizens of this country.

I implore you to diligently investigate this matter and you will find this verdict has not been fairly applied. If you have any questions or need to contact me further, I can be reached at _____