

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 20-029

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 24, 2020

The Complainant alleged that a municipal court judge “rambled” about irrelevant topics during jury selection, including “benign behaviors from his home life.”

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 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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on April 24, 2020.

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Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
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2020-029

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 was called for jury duty for _____ to appear at _____ am at the _____ Court in _____ I was ready for an all day court day, as I like jury duty and to fulfill my responsibility as a US citizen.
Judge _____ came into the court room and started to talk. I was all excited to get information about a case and was hoping I would be picked to be seated as a juror on a case. Instead the judge kept thanking the jury pool way too many times for our service, and emphasizing about _____ times that we are judges..
Then he proceeded to ramble on for over _____ minutes, mainly about his wife _____ rates jury duty, gets upset about drivers who sit at the red lights and cars don't move fast enough, _____ was the best wife and partner, and other benign behaviors from his home life
He told us all about the robes he wanted ordered for the jurors. He went on and on, that jurors are judges and need to wear robes. I could see how people got antsy and wanted to get going to be jurors, not listen to these lame stories. Then a clerk came into the jury waiting room and handed the judge a note, however the judge kept rambling about himself and his wife for another _____ minutes.
Then he announced that he received this note and the case had resolved and he kept talking another _____ minutes. I was not interested in the judges personal life, his wife or the robes he was going to order and burden the city with extra expenses. I was interested in becoming a juror.
While judge _____ may have been sharp as a tack when he was younger, I think it's time for him to retire and enjoy the fruits of his labor.
I met another juror that had been there with me a couple days later, and he expressed the same feeling as I am conveying on this page.

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Appearance Date:

Through our website you may request to postpone your jury service or request to be excused or disqualified from jury service. Visit our website for details.

For reporting instructions: **AFTER** **PM** on the business day before your appearance date. Listen for Group Number reporting instructions. If Group Number has already been selected to report for jury service, postponement is not an option.

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(Include name & Juror ID#)

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