

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 20-043

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace engaged in improper demeanor and made improper rulings.

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 the judge's tone of voice and comments to two litigants were condescending. While this was improper under Rule 2.8(B) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Scope Section of the Code provides that not 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 Commission Rules 16(b) and 23(a), but to issue a warning letter to the judicial officer reminding him to be "patient, dignified, and courteous" to litigants.

Commission member Louis Frank Dominguez did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: June 10, 2020

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Christopher P. Staring
Hon. Christopher P. Staring
Commission Vice-chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on June 10, 2020.

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2020-043

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 understand the commission cannot reverse this court order or assign a new judge. While I believe in an independent judiciary, I am making this request because I also believe that, as Rule 1.2 of the Code of Judicial Conduct requires, a "judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety. I DO NOT believe that Judge _____ conduct in the above referenced case promoted "public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary." I feel judge _____ failed to uphold and apply the law and perform the duties of his office fairly and impartially. I am the youngest of eleven children, my parents came to _____ from _____ back in the _____ on the _____, My father worked very hard in the fields, through sweat and tears he was able to purchase a home at _____ he was very proud of his home and requested that we never sell the home to always keep in the family. I lived with my parents and paid my share of the bills, I assisted both parents to doctor appointments and took care of them as they got older. my mother passed _____ Unfortunately my father passed _____ but did not leave a will. _____ I received a notice from sibling _____ that I must vacate HIS property

Case # _____ The judge decided to transfer case to Superior Court because I have/had proof that the quick claim deed, beneficiary and power of attorney documents were all forged by _____ and the Notary Public _____ was also in on the scheme. Case# _____ Judge _____ listened patiently while I explained and showed proof of the forged documents. Case was dismissed. _____ shows up at my residence _____ with a EVICTION NOTICE. Case# _____ Eviction hearing set for _____ I/we my daughter and I arrive and wait for judge _____ still waiting, finally Judge _____ appears looking bloated, tired with blood shot eyes, mumbling. Judge calls many names but no one shows and I watch as he signed off on files. Judge did see _____ other cases that he quickly decided eviction due to non payment and gave them five days to remove. Judge talked down to a gentleman that could not remember his phone number. Judge _____ then called myself and petitioner to come up and stand and tell him what the issue is. I explained and so did petitioner, Judge _____ asked for the probate info, I advised judge that paperwork in car, he did allow me to go get, mean while he called other people. The judge then orders plaintiff and I to take a seat across from each other. Judge then looks out to the court room and ask how many more people there to see him? HE counts out loud and glances at files, he then continues to ask questions, I try to explain the hearing at Superior Court and show the judge the case information-case history to which Judge says that case history means nothing to him all it tells him is I/WE were present on that date at that time.?? He asks for minutes and entry and comments that he doesn't have time to wait and that this is not leaving his court room! His voice is now loud and he is glaring at me. He did ask petitioner who he purchased home from? to which petitioner says private investors. Judge failed to notice petitioners wife _____ Judge then goes on for about what seemed an eternity and talks about a _____ and the sale of a home and rambled on and on and on. Judge then notices a lady and shouts out to her if she has any of idea of where the front desk is, his tone of voice and obnoxious behavior was frightening. Judge then rules against me and says " _____ " I exited the court room in disbelief, that a judge had the power

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To take from me the home that I grew up in and had contributed many memories. The United States legal system is based upon the principle that an independent, impartial and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the law that governs our society. Unfortunately, this DID NOT APPLY TO ME, Judge makes his own rules as he goes and no one ever calls him out because they fear retaliation. Today I will stand up for what's right and fear NOTHING and NOBODY. Thank you for your time.

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Case Information

Case Number: Judge:
File Date: Location:
Case Type: Case Status:

Party Information

Party Name	Relationship	Sex	Attorney
	Plaintiff	N/A	Pro Per
	Defendant	N/A	Pro Per
	Defendant	N/A	Pro Per

Disposition Information

There are no disposition notes on file

Case Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Result
		Eviction Action Hearing	Vacated & Reset
		Eviction Action Hearing	Case Transfer
		Eviction Action Hearing	Vacated & Reset

Events


Event Type	Sub Type	Result	Result Date
Motion	Undesignated	Granted	
Notice	Court Date	Mailed	
Notice	Court Date	Mailed	
Order of Transfer	Superior Court (Exceeds Jurisdiction)	Mailed	
Affidavit of Service	Private Process	Summons Returned Served	


Judgments

There are no judgments on file

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Probate Court Case Information - Case History

Case Information

Case Number:	Judge:
Plaintiff:	Location:
Case Type:	

Party Information


Party Name	Relationship	Sex	Attorney
	Ward		Pro Per
	Petitioner		Pro Per

Case Documents

Filing Date	Description	Docket Date	Filing Party
	ME: Hearing		
	- Medical Report - Confidential		
	- Notice		
NOTE: DISCLOSURE OF THE BASIS OF COMPENSATION PURSUANT TO ARS 14-5109			
	ME: Hearing Set		
	- Application/Petition		Petitioner
	Probate Information Sheet/Form - Restricted Access		
	- Order Deferring Court Fees		
	- Application Deferral/Waiver		Petitioner
	- Affidavit of Proposed Appointee		Petitioner

Case Calendar

Date	Time	Event
		Emergency Hearing

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Civil Court Case Information - Case History

Case Information

Case Number: Judge:
 File Date: Location:
 Case Type:

Party Information

Party Name	Relationship	Sex	Attorney
	Plaintiff		Pro Per
	Defendant		Pro Per
	Defendant		Pro Per
	Originating Court		Pro Per

Case Documents

Filing Date	Description	Docket Date	Filing Party
	AFS - Affidavit Of Service		
	042 - ME: Case Dismissed - Full		
	AMC - Amended Complaint		Plaintiff(1)
	CAN - Credit Memo Appearance Fee Paid		Defendant(2)
	Appearance Fee Deferred		
	ODF - Order Deferring Court Fees		
	ADW - Application Deferral/Waiver		Defendant(2)
	LET - Letter		
	JMBER CORRECTION		
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	ED		
	ADW - Application Deferral/Waiver		Plaintiff(1)
	ODF - Order Deferring Court Fees		Plaintiff(1)

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Case Calendar

Date	Time	Event
		Forcible Detainer Hearing

Judgments

There are no judgments on file

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COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.**

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COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER,
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IN WRITING TO THE
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CONDUCT AND REFERENCE
THE COMMISSION CASE
NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.**