

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 20-108

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

September 15, 2020

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge failed to allow her to be heard and made improper rulings in a family law 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.

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 member Gus Aragón did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on September 15, 2020.

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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.

We had a hearing in _____ that I appeared by phone for. At the end of this hearing, it was agreed that I would be appearing at the next review hearing in _____ by phone. Judge _____ confirmed my phone number and everything was good.

The hearing in _____ the judge contacted me for the hearing and another review hearing was set for _____. It was again agreed by the judge that I would appear by phone, he confirmed my phone number and that was that.

The day of the _____ hearing, Judge _____ never called me. He did however call _____ as he did not appear in court. During this hearing _____ and _____ both Strongly urged the court to IMMEDIATELY remove my children from the home of _____. This has STILL NOT happened. Another review hearing was set for _____.

The day of the _____ hearing, Judge _____ never called me. He DID Call _____ however, as he did not appear in court. During this hearing _____ and _____ both strongly urged the court to IMMEDIATELY remove my children from the home of _____. This has still NOT happened to date. Another review hearing was set for _____.

_____ was placed in charge of setting up a conference call for the _____ hearing. All parties were present except _____ Judge _____ did NOT reach out to her either. Another review hearing was set for _____ with a Trial hearing set for _____. It was again agreed by Judge _____ that I would be appearing by phone and he confirmed my number. It was further agreed by _____ and _____ that they would discuss visitation and see if they could come up with something. I spoke up that I was to be included in this as I am their mother and I am seeking full custody. **

I also asked WHY the court has not taken seriously the urging of _____ or _____ to remove the children from _____ custody? Judge _____ asked _____ if he still felt this way- he replied No. Then Judge _____ asked _____ attorney _____ if if he felt the kids should be removed from her custody. Of course he replied No. Since _____ and _____ had said No, Judge _____ stated that he " _____, didn't ask for mine and had no input from _____ since she was never contacted for the hearing.

_____ hearing date and Again I was never contacted by the court for this hearing. I received a Minute entry in the mail _____ that now states the hearing set for _____ is another Review Hearing, not a Trial Hearing. I contacted the court and asked WHY I was NOT contacted by the court for this hearing? I was told that "

" I stated clearly that I Did Not and Have Not received anything from _____ concerning the hearing. I have also never been contacted by _____ or _____ to discuss visitation. In fact I had not and have not yet received the original filing in this matter. I was told that if I felt I needed more information or confirmation that the _____ hearing is another review hearing, I could contact either of the attorneys for

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further information.

Judge _____ willingness to work with _____ and _____ yet not reaching out to myself or _____ clearly shows a level of bias and sexist. I would also like to know WHY one of the attorneys- I _____ - has been in charge of setting up conference calls for the hearings. This should be the responsibility of and handled only by the Court

*This was witnessed by both my sister _____ and brother _____ who were present in the courtroom.

**I have yet to be contacted in any way by either attorney.