

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 20-116

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

August 20, 2020

The Complainant alleged a pro tem justice of the peace did not offer him an interpreter and made improper rulings. However, the Commission's investigation revealed the named pro tem justice of the peace did not take any action on the complainant's 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 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 Colleen E. Concannon and Louis Frank Dominguez did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 20, 2020.

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To whom it may concern:

My name is _____ I would like to make a formal complaint against Honorable judge _____
I attend court and the judge never asked me for a interpreter. My main language is _____ I even
put it down on the forms but never was I once asked for any interpreter. I do speak _____ and
understood most of what the judge saying but there was so much that I didn't understand. The other
party that was in court was _____ I feel like I was not treated fair and that the judge really
never gave me a chance to answer everything I was asking. The judge never even asked for a copy of my
lease agreement. _____ weeks later _____ still has his stuff in my apartment. If I go over to the residence
I go to jail. The judge never dismissed the harassment charges and _____ gets to keep his belonging
in my apartment without paying any rent. I feel because I wasn't even offered a interpreter I felt
confused and misled. The judge never even told _____ that he has to remove his belongings that
are left in the apartment. I think this is very unfair to me as I have other families that would like to rent
the apartment especially during these hard time that we are going through with the _____ All I
want to do is put this situation behind me but how can I when the judge never ordered _____ to
remove his belonging and give him a date that he has to be out of my apartment complex.
_____ still owns me rent for last month and late fees and he still gets to leave his belongings in the apartment
and go and come as he pleases when ever he wants to . Does this even sound fair to you? All I want is to
be able to receive the money I am owed and to be able to rent the apartment that _____ resided at.
This actually would of happened if I was able to ask the right questions to the judge with a interpreter.
Please look into this matter for me I really would appreciate it because I honestly do not know what to
do at this time.