

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 20-217

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

October 22, 2020

The Complainant alleged that a justice of the peace failed to respond to her correspondence and said “all kinds of nasty things” during a hearing.

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 member J. Tyrrell Taber did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 22, 2020.

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2020-217

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 have written at least 5 letters to the judge and he isn't responding. (2 of which have gone missing) I have explained the extenuating circumstances that forced me to leave town, and all I have gotten in response is to do the counseling of my choosing in _____ and then come back to do the jail time. I found the only counseling in _____ and _____ that will accept a fee waiver from the judge and have been begging in letter after letter for a telephonic hearing and for a fee waiver so that I can get it done by the new deadline. (press release Monday, _____) In the _____ County telephonic hearings. But after ~~that~~ they are indeed accepting with judge/clerk of courts, it is clear that they are choosing to be biased/discriminate/ignore me. It says on my original paperwork, "if you are required to pay fines, penalties, fees, or other financial obligations as a result of a judgement of this court and you are unable to pay, bring this information to the attention of court staff or the judge because payments, or other alternatives may be available". I have called and written countless times and the clerks and judge are brushing off and ignoring all attempts I have made. Literally, all I am asking for is for a fee waiver so I can complete what is being asked of me. I now write to you and anyone I have to so that I am hopefully not discriminated against and sent to prison for not completing obligations required of me by the courts. The reason a fee waiver is required is because I have been homeless and out of work since March of 2020 due to the abuse I was sustaining that forced me to quit my job and _____

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The only way to make sure you can get ahold of me is through my email, "I apologize for having to write to you about such trivial things, but I cannot just sit idle and allow them to discriminate against me. I have done all I can do, and now I am forced to go over his head and write to whoever I have to, so this can be taken care of appropriately. I apologize for having to write to you about such trivial things. If you are not the right people to write to about this issue, can you please provide the contact of the right person. Thank you for your time."

Public Defender:

Court house:

Court dates:

- pre trial conference;

(show cause) As provided

Dates of letters:

do not include the letters that have gone missing)

(court)

- Arraignment;

pre trial conference;

- pre trial conference;

- order to

(these