

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 20-221

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

October 22, 2020

The Complainant alleged that a superior court commissioner exhibited bias in a name change proceeding.

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 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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Commission on Judicial Conduct  
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20-221

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.

ON 1/11/11, I had A NAME CHANGE HEARING by video with  
COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER, note: this

WAS IT TO BE A REAL NAME CHANGE HEARING. I wanted to ask her why when AF-  
RICAN AMERICAN PRISONERS get released from prison who want to change their  
NAMES for religious reasons have a very hard time doing so? especially going  
before her to do so? I had personally sent letter explaining that I didn't want to go

through with A REAL NAME CHANGE HEARING, HOWEVER; COMM. JUDICIAL ASST  
explained to me that I needed to file the official name change paperwork before  
I could address ANY ISSUES CONCERNING THAT ISSUE AT HAND. SO, I proceeded to do so. I think

something was wrong when she did it mention my personal letter expressing  
to the court that I didn't want A REAL NAME CHANGE HEARING; only to find out why  
AFRICAN AMERICAN PRISONERS have a hard time getting their RELIGIOUS NAME CHANGES  
done in Superior court? Note: I am to submit an class action civil rights suit on such a  
matter which I had filed. SPECIAL NOTE: I personally had my religious name  
change do in the early 1980's and did not need ANY AUTHORITY FROM THE COURT SYSTEM TO AFF-  
IRM the legitimacy of my name. My name was changed from

through the World Islamic Council and was represented by the  
at that time. COMM. Judicial Religion, contradict what I was ask?  
ing for regarding my change letter to the court, COMM. Action on this matter

was and she definitely has a bias and prejudice against African Americans.

I, filled out the name change application for truth and honesty. I would tell immediately

that COMM. was being deceitful with me. she seem to think that Black Americans  
only want name change to be and receive certain things like social security and names.

NOTE: This is not. Judicial comm. know that a person who's a criminal doesn't need a  
new name to continue to do crimes. I am not a criminal and never have been one!  
That's why my civil rights attorneys have made progress on my passport issues of which I  
was legally changed. as all of you there are aware I could not cut any legal matters

concerning my civil rights matters that my attorneys are legally working on at this time.  
I, was just released from prison 7 1/2 months ago and doing well at working counseling  
ex offenders. I, don't do drugs, smoke, drink liquor, nor live at any kind of porno or other

This doesn't mean I am a perfect person, there is no reason for me to lie?  
COMM. did not fund my court services for 63 days. This is not fair

name change matter. NOTE: This complaint against COMM. doesn't

warrant any basis or discipline against her. I feel that this Hon. Judicial Comm on Judicial Con-  
duct could at least tell COMM. who is to be more honest that she let the name change

ISSUE FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS.

cc: files  
w/p  
ENCLURES

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"EXHIBITS ATTACHED"

- (1) My personal letter to the court stating that I didn't want an official name change
- (2) COMM.

RE: Name change

MAN. ENTRY 020411

NAME:

ADDRESS

ZIP CODE

IN THE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

CASE NO.:

IN THE MATTER OF:

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE

OF NAME FOR AN ADULT

Assigned to COMM

(ARS § 12-601)

Dear COMM

From the PLAINTIFF in the ABOVE SAID MENTIONED NAME CHANGE CASE. From WRITINGS To you shortly & quickly! To let you know that I don't need AN OFFICIAL NAME CHANGE; AS I HAD AN OFFICIAL RELIGIOUS NAME CHANGE DONE IN THE 1980's OF MY NAME CHANGE CORRECTION FROM:

THE STATE OF

TO: IN

I WAS THEN REPRESENTED BY THE

I AM UNOFFICIAL

THROUGH THE FILING THIS <sup>ADULT</sup> NAME CHANGE APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE CLASS

ACTION LAWSUIT ON BEHALF OF BLACK-AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO SEEM TO BE HAVING JUDICIAL PROBLEMS CHANGING THEIR NAMES RELIGIOUSLY OR ONCE WITH THE RELIGION OF

I AM AWARE THAT THE STATE

LAWS ARE MUCH DIFFERENT NOW THAN WHEN I HAD MY <sup>RELIGIOUS</sup> NAME CHANGE DONE

COURT PROCEEDINGS WASN'T INVOLVED IN MY OFFICIAL NAME CHANGE BACK THEN.

THE CLERK OF COURT STATED I MUST FILE THE CORRECT NAME CHANGE APPLICATION

TO ADDRESS MY CONCERNS ON THIS MATTER; AND THIS I AM DOING SO!

I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION TO MY LETTER HEREIN.

cc: files  
w/m

S. FINCHAM

County Superior Ct.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
COUNTY

CLERK OF THE COURT

HONORABLE

IN RE THE MATTER OF

COMM.

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom

This is a time set for a telephonic/video Name Change Hearing. Applicant, appears telephonically/video on his own behalf. No other parties appear.

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

is sworn and discussion is held.

The Court Notes that there is an insufficient basis to support Applicant's Application. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED denying the Applicant's Name Change without prejudice at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED directing the Clerk of Court to refund any and all court filing fees and costs paid in this case by Petitioner, at

Matter concludes.

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
COUNTY