

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 20-313

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

March 15, 2021

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace prejudged her civil case.

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 Roger D. Barton did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on March 15, 2021.

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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.

I am very concerned because on \_\_\_\_\_ I went to \_\_\_\_\_ court to file my answer to a summons. I needed a waiver and after giving the clerk my paperwork I was instructed that I would have to meet with the Judge before this could be granted. I then had to go to the Judges chambers and wait for Judge

He then had me raise my right hand and swear that the financial information I had submitted was true. After this he granted me my waiver and then stated to me he had read the complaint and said stay off social media.

My concerns are that meeting the Judge personally before trial is not permissible. And the fact that he stated to me to stay off social media is as if saying I have already deemed that you have done something wrong. I have no clue if he even took the time to read my answer to the summons but telling me to stay off social media is very concerning. Why would he instruct me to this way unless he feels I have done something wrong and need to stay off social media. Had he taken the time to read my response he would not have made that statement.

I found this all to be a bit unsettling because what I am being accused of I am innocent of and I would like a fair unbiased Judge to oversee this matter. I realize this is a small town and things don't always run the way they do in a large city. I am now concerned that he may even know the plaintiff personally or his family member may have a relationship with the plaintiff for she is a healthcare provider for years in the \_\_\_\_\_ area.

I am also concerned that this lawsuit was filed in \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ Court as she done with all her other lawsuits and make me wonder if she has a personal relationship with this Judge. For he is the only one available in \_\_\_\_\_, and I wonder if this choice is by design.