

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 21-147

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

January 25, 2022

The Complainant alleged that two superior court judges did not properly disqualify themselves due to a conflict of interest.

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 Roger D. Barton and Joseph C. Kreamer did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on January 25, 2022.

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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.

This case involves the _____ of Arizona. These rights are not served by the appointing of Judge _____. There are two conflicts of interests regarding the appointment of this Judge.

1. The _____ appointment of Judge _____ Judge _____ involvement in ANY appointment to this case is a direct conflict of interest; she is _____ one that have been directly trying to block this _____

The official rule states that "[a]ny justice judge, or magistrate judge of the Untied States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned."

2. The law firm _____ has a history with Judge _____ In _____ Judge _____ The official rule states that "[a]ny justice judge, or magistrate judge of the Untied States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned."

Both of these points meet the official rules, which thereby means that Judge _____ and Judge _____ should also recuse themselves from any appointment of a judge with regards this case.

Both federal and state law holds that judges must recuse themselves if there are grounds to do so. There are grounds by both having conflicts of interests as shown.