### State of Arizona

## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

### Disposition of Complaint 21-226

Judge:

Complainant:

## ORDER

### August 10, 2022

The Complainant alleged a municipal court judge is habitually tardy and improperly used a city vehicle for a personal errand.

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, Joseph C. Kreamer, and Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 10, 2022.

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# 2021-226

#### **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.

#### To Human Resources Department

years within the My name is and I have been by the court. I wanted to file a formal complaint against our current Judge, As a one of my main duties is to over the past being employed by the has consistently arrived and nost court hearings late backing up the court daily calendar and even to the point of angering the public that are present for their hearings and also attorneys involved. I have also witnessed the abuse my co workers have endured these years for the most petty of errors in front of myself and other employees when Mrs. has reprimanded or disciplined employees. I have also witnessed one of my ' by one outside attorney and the Judge only thought it was hilarious and did not being called reprimanded the comment. I have also witnessed the Judge in one instance driving to a store on a which I think it is very in the city vehicle with unprofessional since she always talks about integrity to us the consequences of not taking care of city resources.

Overall I feel that the work environment is very tense and hostile when she is around that it make it very difficult to work efficiently and give my best to my duties required of me.

a audio recording was posted on a social media platform, of a private meeting that Judge had with all the by a local

on after she advised us of the termination of our The meeting was held and with no patrons inside. Judge was the only one with a cell phone in hand and no one else had such a device at hand or around the office. As such I believe that the integrity, trust and image of the court and staff were compromised as such a meeting should only be kept in the court house and certainly not in a social media platform where matters get misinterpreted thereby tarnishing not just our trust in the Judge but in the image and integrity of the court and judicial system as a whole. It has come to our attention that the Judge video records most of employees conversations to the point that she makes all employees very uncomfortable and the environment a hostile one. I know that recording is not against the law or against AOC standards to some extent, but to record confidential court meetings and send it to a third outside party and posting it on social media is against the Judicial Code of Conduct that we must abide by.

Thank you,

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