

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 21-277

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

November 21, 2022

The Complainant alleged that a justice of the peace made inappropriate comments about his appearance and family, as well as failed to conduct court business in a timely or efficient manner.

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.

No further action is warranted in this matter as the judge in this matter has passed away. The matter is now closed pursuant to Commission Rule 23(a).

Commission member Barbara Brown did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on November 21, 2022.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____ **Judge's Name:** _____

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I am employed as a _____ with the _____ in _____ AZ, and have worked with the _____ for _____. During my entire time here, Judge _____ has been the Justice of the Peace. I regularly come into contact with him while _____ and obtaining/returning _____.

Over the years, he has made numerous comments to me that I believe are inappropriate. I can't pinpoint any of the specific dates, but it has been ongoing for years. All of the incidents have occurred at the courthouse in _____. He frequently says " _____ " and other comments about my appearance (_____ etc). He also requires me to go into his chambers where he closes his door and talks about whatever happens to be on his mind, sometimes for 30 or more minutes. Oftentimes, this is while I'm trying to obtain _____ where _____ are waiting for me at the _____. He also, on numerous occasions, has asked about my " _____ ". He is aware that I have _____ and has asked several times if _____ This is beyond inappropriate. I usually just politely smile and I've never made him aware that any of this makes me uncomfortable.

I am aware that he has recently been removed from the court. I am unaware of the reason or for how long the removal is. This complaint is not meant to "pile on", but to make this commission aware of what I believe to be a pattern of misconduct.

Please contact me if you have questions.

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