

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 21-314

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

March 30, 2022

The Complainant alleged that a superior court judge and their staff did not return his numerous phone calls, did not allow him to present certain pieces of evidence, and referred to his child by a “fake name.”

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 Christopher W. Ames and Louis Frank Dominguez did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on March 30, 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.

After our Resolution Management Conference via video conference on _____, the judge set our hearing for _____. Unfortunately being unaware of procedure I had no idea I was supposed to receive anything in the mail or have submitted any paperwork by a certain deadline. When it was a week before the hearing I became increasingly concerned that nothing had been requested from me, so I called Family Court and they informed me I would have to contact the judge's office to get any information. I called her office _____ times and left multiple voice mails on the week of _____ and never did anyone answer the phone or return my calls, nor did their outgoing message alert that nobody would be there the entire week. (This exact same thing also happened before the _____ Conference as well).

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Finally on Friday before the hearing I called Family Court again and explained the situation, the lady was kind enough to email me the document that I never was sent. I had only days to go through everything, scrambling to go through everything and submit electronically everything I could. ~~then~~ I submitted everything on. At the hearing the judge informs me that she just received my documents that morning and wouldn't accept any of it. Punishing me for the incompetence of her office made it impossible to receive a fair hearing. She then insisted on referring to my daughter by a fake name I let her know right away that I took offense to that and asked her not to do that. She let me know that she would continue to do so. I find this judge to be extremely unprofessional and I believe it was impossible to receive a fair hearing. I have yet to receive a verdict as I write this.