

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 21-316

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

May 18, 2022

The Complainant alleged that a superior court judge displayed poor judicial demeanor and denied an individual the right to be heard.

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 does not have jurisdiction to overturn, amend, or remand a judicial officer's legal rulings. 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 Denise K. Aguilar and Joseph C. Kreamer did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on May 18, 2022.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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The adult went to court on _____ The judge would not let the reporter go into the courtroom. The adult came out of the courtroom an hour later. The adult's lawyer reported that the client was being verbally abused by the judge. The reporter is the client's guardian and has reported that with the adult's mental health problems she does not understand what is going on.

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