

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 21-331

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

June 10, 2022

The Complainant alleged that a superior court judge violated Rules 1.1, 2.2, and 2.3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

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 Colleen E. Concannon and Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

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

**COMPLAINT AGAINST HON.
CASE IN THE COUNTY OF**

BY

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Dear Commission On Judicial Conduct:

As an objective observer of case _____, I witnessed a pattern of incidents that showed me that _____ lacked the requisite ability, knowledge, and judgment to consistently and capably discharge the duties of his office. The judge is mentally unfit and incompetent to administer justice in a fashion that is honorable. His actions in _____ have been so egregious, so outrageous, that it may fairly be said to shock the contemporary conscience. He has proceeded in excess of his legal authority in creating a blanket policy for his court contrary to the adopted Rules of Family Law Procedure and Local Rules. He should be suspended for improper decorum in carrying out his judicial duties, ex parte contacts, clear bias and discrimination, and criminal misconduct that has brought his judicial office into disrepute.

That said, Judge _____ conduct violated the Code of Judicial Conduct – specifically, Rules 1.2, 1.3, and 2.12(A), as well as Article 6.1, Section 4 of the Arizona Constitution (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute).

I'd like to bring your attention to an event that I felt revealed _____ egregious behavior and extremely discriminatory nature. The judge ordered a _____ cash bond without a legitimate legal basis for it, just pure speculation. A month prior, the Respondent, a woman battling cancer, had asked the judge for the Rule 48 evidentiary hearing to go over the alleged court order violations the Judge had kept repeating that she had done, but wouldn't allow her to contest anything or allow herself or any witnesses the right to be heard. He told her that granting her the hearing would only delay her reunification with her child. But then, a month later, Judge _____ immediately ordered her to pay an exorbitant amount of money just to see her child, revealing substantial due process violations, a scheme of racketeering and theft by extortion.

Thereafter, during the _____ trial, after the Petitioner had already agreed in writing to give his wife spousal maintenance on his divorce petition two years prior, the judge interrupts proceedings to bitterly and protectively quip, " _____ ?"

This inappropriate and apathetic remark demonstrated a strong bias by _____ in that the husband works three jobs and has managed to afford over _____ in legal fees. Yet his wife with cancer who is a homemaker with a terminal prognosis and supports herself with a very low SSI check is ordered to pay _____ in cash while she had been self-representing herself in court due to lack of finances and the judge being extremely slow in starting her retroactive alimony payments. One must ask, if her husband already said his wife is unemployed and cannot work due to her illness and she clearly cannot afford an attorney while spouse can, then why is the judge always making remarks to show care and empathy only for the father who has been abusing his wife and child, while showing no compassion for the mother who is the real victim?