# State of Arizona

## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

# Disposition of Complaint 21-374

Judge:

Complainant:

### ORDER

### July 7, 2022

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge treated her rudely when she could not turn on her camera during a virtual hearing. Complainant alleged being instructed that cameras were optional and stated her hearing should not have been continued because of the camera issue.

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 J. Tyrrell Taber did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 7, 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.

This new judge I was scheduled a hearing with is rude and she wouldn't proceed with the hearing all because my camera wasn't working! She just kept ignoring me when I was trying to talk and then dismissed without answering my question for her! I've never been treated so poorly! To my own defense, why did I receive a email that stated, ". Hearings are preferably conducted by video-conference, but CAN ALSO be conducted by phone", if they meant to say "Court WILL NOT move forward if your camera doesn't work!" They really need to be specific and state exactly what they mean because I have been waiting for this court date since had to take a day off work, and arrange and pay for a babysitter just to attend court from home today! Even at my last court date my camera wasn't working and the judge still proceeded. Now its a new judge, whom I've never seen before and now she's just setting new court dates at her discretion when she could have and should have just proceeded! She's so rude, when she's the one who sent me a letter that states the court session can be conducted via video OR phone!