

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 21-417

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 13, 2022

The Complainant alleged bias and improper decisions during a series of three misdemeanor trials. Complainant also alleged his rights were violated when his request to proceed pro se was denied.

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 member Louis Frank Dominguez did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 13, 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.

On _____ cases

Judge _____ failed to conduct a fair and impartial trial.

Judge _____ entered judgement/a verdict without reviewing the facts presented in the cases (ending in _____).

Judge _____ demonstrated a personal bias in open court. She called me a liar on the record. She verbally assaulted me in regards to extrajudicial (and false) statements (contained in _____ rulings) that were not relevant to the case before the court. The false statements on _____ rulings wrongfully prejudiced the court against me.

Judge _____ wrongfully assumed that the state presented the court with the orders that were in effect at the time of the alleged violations despite contradictory testimony from multiple witnesses (including the officer who took the report and referred for prosecution).

On _____, cases

Ms. _____ again exhibited a personal bias against me in open court. She denied my right to self represent. She denied my request to question a witness after my public defender declined to question the witness. In doing so, she violated my rights and obstructed justice.

Out of fear of being called a liar, fear of being wrongfully convicted (again), and a healthy fear of incarceration, I decided to not testify.

Despite her obvious personal bias, and civil rights violations, Ms. _____ entered a not guilty verdict after properly reviewing the evidence presented to her (case ending in _____) by the state. Once again, the state did not present all of the orders that were in effect to the court.

During sentencing for the _____ incorrect guilty verdicts, Ms. _____ again demonstrated her personal bias.

The fact of the matter remains: I did not violate any court orders. Now, I get the pleasure of going through the appeals process.