

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 22-035

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

November 17, 2023

The Complainant alleged unprofessional conduct by a superior court judge conducting a settlement conference in a family case.

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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on November 17, 2023.

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**2022-035**

**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.

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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for taking the time to read my concern/complaint. On the date of \_\_\_\_\_ I was scheduled to come before the Honorable Judge \_\_\_\_\_ for a settlement hearing in \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Court. During this conference in which we were supposed to have the rest of the evening, till \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, we proceeded to present to the Judge with our argument against the defendant. The judge was obviously aggravated and did not take time to understand our case, or read the supplement being presented. After about \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of presenting our case, the judge began using vulgarity and being very confrontational with both me and \_\_\_\_\_. Putting her hands in our faces; so as to not be able to respond to her questions. She also began speaking about personal problems and such that have no purpose in the court room. She demanded that I write a check for \_\_\_\_\_ and give to the defendant, as she felt that I was lying to her. Both me and my legal counsel were in shock and unable to speak to one another about what was happening. She did not allow us to speak privately, about what she had presented to us. After about \_\_\_\_\_ minutes into the proceeding, she threw some papers on the desk in front of us and walked out of the room. As she was removing herself, she looked back at me and stated, "\_\_\_\_\_." We accomplished nothing that day and were not given the time that was reserved for us for the settlement hearing. I felt that this behavior was unacceptable for a Judge on the bench. If I was to behave in a similar matter in her court, I would have been held in contempt for unruly behavior. We also were not given another opportunity for another settlement hearing. I believe that if a Judge is elected to serve the people, then this kind of behavior should be corrected. Please forgive me if my terminology about law is not correct. I am not very schooled in the matters of law. I am only trying to present what I see as a problem. I paid for legal help, because I cannot represent myself adequately, this is why I hired a lawyer. My hope was that we would have our day in court to maybe resolve the matter in which I am the Petitioner. I felt that the Judge created more problems and circumstances, as well as cost for legal fees. Outside \_\_\_\_\_ commented that, "\_\_\_\_\_."

Thank You for your time.

Sincerely