# State of Arizona

## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-036

Judge:

Complainant:

## ORDER

### October 20, 2022

The Complainant alleged improper and untimely rulings by a superior court commissioner hearing an eviction action.

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

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 20, 2022.

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#### COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name:

Judge's Name:

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 The Honorable
 County who works in

 the
 Court. Courtroom
 is Hon.
 judicial
 ... Hon.

 has untimely ruled on all of Defendant's post judgment motions
 affecting right of possession to real property, and ignored the laws and jurisdiction of their own courtroom.

I am a Defendant in \_\_\_\_\_\_ an eviction action.

Hon. has failed to timely rule on ALL Defendant's post judgment motions affecting the right to possession of property which are emergencies.

OnDefendant filed an emergency post judgment motion to vacate. Hontookto rule on Defendant's first motion. Hon.claimed thatHon.to rule. Defendant has a record of the phone call, but cannot timely haveit transcribedWhen Defendant calledback and read her the law saying the Court had to ruleinhad said it was a mistake and the Court would rule.

OnDefendant filed a Motion to set supersedeas bond. Hon.did not rule onDefendant's second motion forand then went on avacation without ruling.Leaving Defendant at risk of being evicted as a writ of restitution had issued.claimed thatthey Court was too busy and dealing with "emergencies" the day before she and Honwent onvacation. An emergency judge had to rule after Defendant called judicial assistantthejudcialandan unknown judicial assistant and begged for help

Hon. had to issue an emergency ruling. Definendat requested a bond hearing and no hearing was set. The Court set a wrongfrul supersedeas bond and aarded wrongful damages but Hon is not aware of that. Hon. might not be required to know the law, but the law is written in Defendant's motions and Hon. can read. On, Defendant filed a Motion to Vacate Supersedeas Bond and Set New Hearing (the

"Motion"). Hon. took days to rule on Defendant's most recent motion and only ruled because Defendant called presiding judge judicial assistant in a panic and complained at great length. Defendant emailed Ms. the Motion on and called her to get her email and explain that Defendant was emailing her an emergency motion.

On when Defendant called Ms. claimed that they had "just gotten" Defendant's motion.

Defendant, being unaided could not have self control and refrain from emailing because of fear and panic. Defendant is facing irreparable harm and the Court is grossly ignoring very basic and important laws.

On or near , Defendant sent an email stating that Defendant has a recording of lying about the amount of time Hon. has to rule on post judgment motions and was prepared to take action against Ms. and the Hon. in the event that the trial court continue to untimely rule.

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Defendant struggles with seizures causing aggistatoin, short term memory loss, nd confusion, yet Hon. has ignored all evience of Defendant's medical hardship and forced Defendant to litigate anyways. has done all of this without jurisdiction, as Defendant was never even serveed by the Hon. Plaintiff in Defendant has requested a change of judge because Defendant believes actions are motivated by personal prejudice. Hon. Defendant believes that Hon continued refusal to timely rule on emergency matters demonstrates a gross lack of consideration for emergencies, the law, and Defendant who is facing hardship. Hon. is running out Defendant's time to take other actions to prevent eviction by untimely ruling as if hoping the will evict Defendant before the Court is required to rule. to remain neutral in this situation given Defendant's email to Ms. It is impossible for Hon. either lie or grossly negligent statement claiming that Hon. Cronin had and Ms. Furthermore, given the pattern of untimely rulings it is clear that Hon. are already prejudiced against Defendant. Defendant has a legal right to rely upon the rules that are written, and Defendant has no time to take other measures when the Court delays and Defendant faces irreparable harm. Defendant is filing against in Federal Court for color of title, and have filed a judicial complaint against A true and complete copy of Defendant's called saved showing Defendant's recorded phone calls with and that Defendant called frequently in panic asking for a ruling is attached as hereto Exhibit "A". A true and complete copy of the calendar showing each date that a motion was filed and ruled upon is attached hereto as Exhibit "B". A true and complete copy of Defendant's motion to vacate supersedeas bond is attached hereto as Exhibit C". A copy of the Hon. denial of Defendant's motion to vacate supersedeas bond and fois attached hereto as Exhibit D" Arizona Rules of Eviction Procedure Rule 15(c) c. A post judgment motion affecting possession of the property shall be treated as an emergency matter and decided within three couDefendant requested a hearing. Rule 7(2), Ariz. R. Civ. P requires the Court set bond hearing on the request of any party: Ariz. R. Civ. App. P. 7(2): ... Unless the motion is uncontested, on request of any party, the superior

court must hold a hearing on a motion to set bond.

When the rules use the word "must", it means it is a requirement, and not up to discretion.