## State of Arizona

## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-054

Judge:

Complainant:

## ORDER

## December 22, 2022

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge had a personal conflict of interest with a juror sitting in a criminal 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). Further, the Commission denied the complainant's request for a copy of the judge's response and a request for a hearing/appearance before the Commission.

Commission members Colleen E. Concannon and Louis Frank Dominguez did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on December 22, 2022.

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tampering with jury - as defined in -BALLENTINES LAW DICTIONARY (2010): -> Contacting a member or members of a jury for the purpose of influencing their action as jurors, sometimes including bribery or corruption. AUTHORITY ESTABLISHING MISCONDUCT IS ENOUGH PROOF TO OVERTURN CONVICTION 254 Fi3d 1150 (9ª Cir. 2001). (limitations period for ineffective assistance claim did not begin to run until petitioner knew, or could have discovered with due diligence, that individual [Judge] who apparently tampered with jury had relationship with prosecutor, even though petitioner knew beforehand of possibility of jury tampering and defense coursels failure to investigate possible claim).

ABUSE OF DISCRETION WITH CONSPIRACY ALLEGED Tampering with Jury", the Judge ALLOWED one (1) of his own admitted members through the voir dire process to be a juror, which gives the appearance and/or opportunity to bias and prejudice the trial with a "meeting-of-the-minds" at church (between day and of trial). between Both the prosecutor, , and the (Law License Suspended), failed to OBJECT to this arrangement; thus, Conspiracy is ALLEGED. Batson V. Kentucky, 476 U.S. 79, 84-89 (1986); People v. Wheeler, 22 Cal. 3d 258, 276-277 (1978). inmate of prison states under 42.05cs 33 1983 and 1985 in alleging conspiracy among trial judge, prosecutor and appointed defense attorney to impanel all white jory for his trial. White V. Bloom, 621 F. 2d 276, 1980 U.S. App. LEXIS 18063 (8th Cir. 1980), cert. denied, 449 US, 995, 101 5. Ct. 533,66 LiEd. Zd 292, 1980 US- LEXIS 4007 (1980), app. after remand, 649 F.2d 560, 1981 US. App. LEXIS 13245 (8° (ir. 1981), cert. denied, 449 US. 1089, 101 S.Ct. 882, 66 LIEd. Zd 816, 1981 U.S. LEXIS 427 (1981).

In addition, \_\_\_\_\_\_ seated jurors were \_\_\_\_\_\_, which does not reflect the Camty demographics. Complaintant claims relief of remand to trial or dismissal with prejudice. To state claim for which relief can be granted under <u>AZUSCS \$1985</u> complaintant must contain allegations of or class-based animus; thus, complaintant charging deprivation of right to just and speedy trial grarenteed by Fourth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amors by alleging acts of United States [Arizone] and other of in with

Unless corrected, the Court [Judge] will continue to violate the basic Constitutional rights of Arizona citizens as in this Complaintants trial. The jury pool was not depleated. and/or nonmembers of the judge were available and qualified as to be fair and impartial jurors.

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Case\* Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution created the Judicial Conduct Commission to serve as an independent State Agency. The Commissions purpose is to investigate "Unethical Conduct Complaints" about Judicial Officers and to prosecute, when appropriate, Formal Charges of alleged Judicial Misconduct. The Commission has "Authority and Jurisdiction" over all Judicial Officers in the State including Judicial Officers whether 'full time or part time". This Authority and Jurisdiction extends to Retired Judicial Officers for conduct that occurred during the time they served as a Judge. Idicial Misconduct can involve conduct that accurred off the bench, as well as conduct that occurs while a judge is serving in his or her Official Capacity" See Rule 2.15 of the CODE. In the present Complaint, this complaintant has submitted evidence in support of the allegations, based upon information and belief, to the best of the Complaintants knowledge that the alleged

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Case \_\_\_\_ Judicial Officer(s) committed, an Ethical One Violation, (non-Judicial Act or Function) in violating their Oath or Affirmation of Office to a State and Federal Constitution they are Sworn to Uphold (Article 4 \$ 38.231 Subsection (C)) by and through committing a Constitutional Violation of this Complaintants' USCA Fourth, Sixth and Fourteenth Ampi, Constitutionally protected, Due Process of Law, Equal Protection under the Law, while under Color of Low; included in the USCA Farrheenth Amor to State and Federal Constitution, which constitutes "Abuse of the Contempt of Power, Conflict of Interest, Communicating Improperly with only "one side" to a proceeding, Rude and Abusive Demeanor, and Unreasonable Delay in Decision Making ... LAbrie of Discretion; non-Judicial Act or Function ] resulting in a "Lack of Jurisdiction" ... along with violations of Article 6 of Commission of Judicial Conduct.

The Complaintant requests and requires a Full investigation, including but not limited to reviewing Court Records, Documents, and Legal Claims submitted on this <u>Review</u>, or "On-Record", ...

THE COMMISSION'S POLICY IS TO POST ONLY THE FIRST FIVE PAGES OF ANY DISMISSED COMPLAINT ON ITS WEBSITE.

FOR ACCESS TO THE REMAINDER OF THE COMPLAINT IN THIS MATTER, PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST IN WRITING TO THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND REFERENCE THE COMMISSION CASE NUMBER IN YOUR REQUEST.