

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-056

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

December 14, 2022

The Complainant alleged improper rulings by a superior court judge hearing 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 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 Colleen E. Concannon did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on December 14, 2022.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**22-056****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 _____ I had a court hearing with Judge _____ in a _____ court case. I was representing myself, and the opposing party has _____ as her attorney. On _____, less than _____ hours before the court case, I received over _____ pages of exhibits from _____ office. As I worked until an _____ before the court hearing, I did not have time to review any of the exhibits. This was relayed to the judge, however he disregarded it, and went ahead with the hearing. I feel receiving the exhibits so soon before the court time, and the judge allowing this, was unethical and unfair treatment towards me. Judge _____ also ordered me to put my son back on a dangerous psychiatric drug, without finding out how my son has been doing since going off the medication, and even though his pediatrician informed me to take him off the medication. Our son recently moved to _____ to live with me back in _____ due to issues he was having with his mother. Our son is thriving in his new environment, and the mother has only seen him once for a few days since _____. In the _____ months time since the order was put in place, I have taken our son to the dentist twice, a counselor at least _____ times, spoken with his teachers, taken him to see a _____ over an _____ away from where I live, and have taken him to his _____ times, as well as taken him for an xray for possible _____. I work a full time job. Despite this, the judge and attorney stated I was not putting enough "effort" in. I feel that since I was representing myself, the judge did not listen to me, and gave me few chances to speak. The judge also ordered that I pay for her attorney fees, despite all I have done for our son since the court order was signed in _____. I feel the judge is biased, and that I was not given a fair hearing, or opportunity to present exhibits of my own. I also tried to explain to the judge that some parental apps the mother wants put on our son's devices, I was not able to get put on, but I did try. One of the apps completely crashed my son's phone. The other app, I couldn't get it to pair with my laptop. There was also no timeframe in the court paperwork on when I had to have the apps installed, yet the judge is still ordering me to pay her attorney fees.

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