

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 22-104

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

February 8, 2023

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge misled her for a decade regarding his romantic intentions.

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 February 8, 2023.

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**2022-104**

**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.

**SEE ATTACHED COMPLAINT AND ATTACHMENTS**

## COMPLAINT AGAINST JUDGE

2022-104

On the evening of \_\_\_\_\_, I attended a political forum at \_\_\_\_\_ for several candidates that were running for positions in \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ Court was there, as he was running for re-election. (See page \_\_\_\_). The candidates were seated on the stage and in turn, each had the opportunity to tell a little about themselves to explain why voters should vote for them. I was a member of the audience and after the candidates were through speaking, Judge \_\_\_\_\_ left the stage, approached me, and told me I was his favorite lawyer. I quickly responded and told him he was my favorite judge. (See page \_\_\_\_). Of course, I was not really a lawyer, I was just a self-represented litigant in civil matters (that had a fool for a client!), a court observer of hearings, trials, and sentencings and etc. I did not know Judge \_\_\_\_\_ personally, but had seen him at the court from time to time. I was very flattered that he would call me his "favorite" lawyer because being a self-represented litigant is so difficult, overwhelming, humbling, futile, hopeless (most of the time), and makes you feel very inadequate (all the time). For him to give me such a compliment made such an impression on me because he was comparing me with real skilled attorneys and he was a legal expert with many years of experience, highly educated, intelligent, and charismatic. He was likable, dressed well, had a huge presence, and was notable at being about \_\_\_\_\_. He came across as a genuinely nice guy, (deceptively). It seemed to me, he of all people, could have easily noticed all my legal ineptness, much less do the opposite and compliment me! I did not expect this and was truly shocked and very pleased when he said this to me. Throughout this evening we spoke a few more times and then he suggested I pick up two copies of the DVD (one for him and one for me) of the political meeting that was held the night before in \_\_\_\_\_ on the local Channel \_\_\_\_\_ TV station. I agreed to do that for him. Finally the forum came to a close for the evening. I proceeded to leave and Judge \_\_\_\_\_ followed me outside to my vehicle and suggested I change my political party to \_\_\_\_\_ so I could vote for him. He told me to do it immediately before time ran out and told me how to do it, as the election was to be held on \_\_\_\_\_. I told him I would do that and also get the DVD's for us.

In a day or so, I went to the Channel TV station in \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered those DVD's and picked them up in a few days and sent one to Judge \_\_\_\_\_ court and kept one for myself. In a few days, I called the courthouse and checked to see if he had received the DVD, which he had. Later, just before the \_\_\_\_\_ election was held, I saw an ad in the local newspaper, offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of anyone who was cutting down Judge \_\_\_\_\_ election signs during the timeframe of \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, in various locations throughout \_\_\_\_\_ (See page \_\_\_\_). This ad contained Judge \_\_\_\_\_ phone number, so on \_\_\_\_\_ evening, \_\_\_\_\_, I called him because I had seen his signs laying down on the ground near where I lived at \_\_\_\_\_ and also \_\_\_\_\_, miles away. I put the signs up and told him about the downed signs I had seen, fixed them back up again, and who I thought could have possibly cut them down ( a local family that was probably retaliating at a previous \_\_\_\_\_ year prison sentence Judge \_\_\_\_\_ had given their family member, a \_\_\_\_\_ ). I felt maybe this was the case because his opponent's signs ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) were still standing intact nearby, but his was cut down. He thanked me for fixing his signs and the phone call. After the way \_\_\_\_\_ had treated him at the political forum, I teased him and told him he was no longer Judge \_\_\_\_\_, he was now Judge \_\_\_\_\_! Then he said, " \_\_\_\_\_!" and we both laughed heartily. We spoke for about \_\_\_\_\_ minutes and he mentioned it was his son's birthday party, as I could hear many kids in the background during the phone call. I told him I should form a protesting group and have a march right outside \_\_\_\_\_ office, in his parking lot, with protesters carrying signs yelling: "STOP \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_!" and have the protestor's chanting this statement repeatedly and for an extended period of time with reporters there on site. Of course I couldn't do it because I had a civil case (that he recused himself from in \_\_\_\_\_) in his court and if I instigated a protestor's march, it would appear as if I was trying to manipulate favorable rulings from him in my case. I just told Judge \_\_\_\_\_ about it to see how he felt about it. It amused us both and I think he wanted me to do it. Over the next \_\_\_\_\_ years, from the time of the forum until December \_\_\_\_\_, we had many interactions at the courthouse, as he

would speak to me, wave at me, smile at me, wink at me, and do the thumbs-up motion, and etc. across the lobby, when he was too far away to speak. Of course I enjoyed his attention and it made me feel important. Later, in late \_\_\_\_\_, he retired from Court. After leaving \_\_\_\_\_ he began working at \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ Court and on the internet, invited people to visit his court anytime and introduce themselves. (See page \_\_\_\_). I took him up on his personal invitation and visited him at his new court on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. We talked and I told him my son was applying to law school. He told me when my son got his acceptance letter, to come visit him again, which I did on \_\_\_\_\_, as my son had recently received his letter. We talked again about law schools for my son and etc. and he also gave me his business card (See page \_\_\_\_). He told me he only gave them to just a few people, so that made me feel privileged. I emailed him the first time on \_\_\_\_\_. I was out of email practice and made a mistake, so he told me how to do it correctly next time and said it was good to hear from me (See page \_\_\_\_). Soon I sent him two lawyer jokes that amused him. (See page \_\_\_\_). He left the \_\_\_\_\_ Court (after just one year) and got a new job at the \_\_\_\_\_ Court in \_\_\_\_\_. I sent him a congratulations card for his new job appointment. We continued to email back and forth for over \_\_\_\_\_ years, from springtime until early fall of \_\_\_\_\_. Most of those emails were informative, amusing, enjoyable, funny, on the subject of religion, and especially romantic and flirty and many contained pictures. He called me beautiful, talented, funny, hilarious, bright, incredible, and etc. He also told me if I took the Az. bar exam, he felt I could pass that test. I responded in a moment with another

surprise and asked, "\_\_\_\_\_ ? (because I certainly didn't think I could pass it without going to law school and a lot of extra study in preparation for that known to be difficult test). He asked me for my address and phone number in the springtime of \_\_\_\_\_. (See page \_\_\_\_). I was happy to give that info to him because I thought he would send me mail or gifts and call me and I was lead on by his asking for that personal info. Finally, \_\_\_\_\_ years later, after his request, in \_\_\_\_\_, a woman called \_\_\_\_\_ and asked me questions about Judge \_\_\_\_\_, for a job application, as he had

used me as a reference. Then I understood why he wanted my phone number, but it was not for what I thought it was for. He had not asked me to use me for a reference, but I gave him a good reference (because I liked him alot) and told him about the phone call. He asked me what I told her and I told him and he said “ ” But I could not count on him. He never made a phone call to me, but I kept thinking he would. He should of told me he needed that info for a job reference, so I would not think it would be used to contact me. I was lead on with him asking me for that personal information. Later he asked me if I could buy him a car (See page ), because I was teasing him about it probably being his favorite car (because of it's name “ ”). So I did what he suggested and bought him a sports car (it was a dark blue, metal, model). I told him it required no gas, no insurance, and no registration, but he would have to just drive it around on his desk, until he could figure out how to enlarge it enough so he could fit inside to drive in on the highway! He was amused! In through , I attended five of his son's games, as he attended , near , Az. (See page ). I loved and missed because my sons had also played it when they were in High School. I wanted to support Judge and his son in this exciting, high speed sport, even though it took effort to get there. This proved I wanted more than friendship. I even made a poem for him concerning his son's and compared it with the champion racehorse named that lost her 20th race by a head, but previously won all her other 19 races. That was difficult and a challenge to make that poem and I would not have made it for just a friend. In , he sent me a picture of him and his son on a boat. I told him he had a nice body and that it was “ ” for me and judges are not supposed to administer that in what was known as violating the 8th Amendment. (See page ). Also at that time he sent me an email that said he would let me attack him, which proves right there that he knew I had more than a “ ” interest. (See page ). In , I sent him a picture of me from , explaining that in and half weeks, I was going to the slaughterhouse (political forum) and that I wished I hadn't gone because he flattered me,

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