

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-146

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

March 20, 2023

The Complainant alleged bias and improper demeanor by a justice of the peace hearing a traffic 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 members Roger D. Barton and Joseph C. Kreamer did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on March 20, 2023.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**2022-146****COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE**

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At _____ myself, my witness and hired attorney were present for the court hearing at the Justice Court at _____. As _____ approached his bench, he made it a point to say that he recognizes some people before him while looking at the prosecutor and _____ and also made it a point to say " _____.! Also, making a point to say that he believes that he will come to a conclusion at the end of the trial even though he would have the option to take under advisement and rule at a later date. Very suspicious already... Not to mention, he kept pushing us to speed things up because, god forbid, the trial would take too long for him and he was becoming irritated. He then made it a point to call my attorney to the bench about the process to appeal. He hadn't even officially annouced his verdict yet! He was so intent on getting out of there and stealing my money! My point is that the whole trial was a set up fake due process. A sham! He is unprofessional, had a coniving grin on his face the whole time and apparently had his mind made up from the get go and wasted all of our time and stole \$ _____ dollars from my family. He allowed the _____ to violate our civil rights on the side of the highway while almost getting us killed and decided to collect money that he needed more than my family did under the color of public safety. He needs to be reprimanded, punished in some way and my money returned to me for his cocky behavior and disregard for hard working american citizens.

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