

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-149

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

March 1, 2023

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge hearing a protective order showed signs of dementia or similar impairment of his cognitive function.

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).

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 March 1, 2023.

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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.

Complaint Attached.

Arizona Judicial Commission

Formal Complaint Against Judge

County Court Judge

To Whom It May Concern:

This a follow up complaint to an Advisory Letter issued by the Commission on , in the matter of the investigation

This Commission issued a letter of advisory against Judge of the County Court for misconduct in a matter in .

The misconduct is detailed in the investigation

The misconduct by Judge represents probable evidence of early such as , or even a medical condition such as is a component of

Judge misconduct obviously demonstrates a loss of memory, loss of cognitive ability, and his handwriting suggests which is indicative of . This is not speculation. This constellation of symptoms and signs forms a clinical basis for further investigation into

the medical history and further

evaluation of Judge

Judge is the Judge in the County

Court. He is required to make life impacting decisions that affect the citizenry of County. His conduct and current state of ability to make decisions is compromised. He is years old, and is not uncommon in his age group. High functioning legal professionals are well known to be able to cover up the subtle signs and symptoms of early

His handwriting suggests that there may be an underlying illness such as which carries a component of

The Commission has an obligation to investigate Judge . This

includes a complete medical evaluation to include a detailed

evaluation. This examination would include an Assessment using Scale

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This testing will provide information to determine if Judge is competent to perform his duties as a judge.

With over years of clinical experience in adult internal medicine and involvement with dozens of cases of Judge clearly demonstrates early dementia. He should be referred for a complete examination, medical records review, and substance abuse evaluation. He should be recused from his duties as a Judge until these studies are completed. His cognitive abilities, memory, and concentration are currently compromised and therefore his ability to function as a Judge is also compromised.

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