

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-190

Judges:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 5, 2023

The Complainant alleged poor demeanor and bias by a municipal court judge and superior court judge hearing orders of protection.

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 April 5, 2023.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**2022-190****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.

I am a _____ at a _____ who is assisting a _____ who had a poor experience with Judge _____ and wanted to make a formal complaint. He would prefer if Superior Court contact me for follow up if there is any. The _____ name is _____ DOB _____ (AKA _____)

_____ instances of dissatisfaction take place in the past, but in order to move forward, he would like Superior Court to know about his bad experiences so they don't happen to anyone else.

In _____ filed an order of protection against his abusive partner. _____ partner then filed a retaliatory order of protection against him. _____ found himself in court with Judge _____ working through both orders of protection. During this time, Judge _____ demeanor displayed a lack of caring, unprofessionalism, an unwillingness to listen to _____ and his overall character was scary. During the court proceedings, _____ experienced _____ due to abuse and attempted to explain this to the Judge and was dismissed by Judge _____ with the words, _____ During proceedings, _____ was unaware of court rules and processes, and attempted to approach the Judge's bench to show evidence. Judge _____ responded by yelling at _____ to sit down. Lastly, during proceedings _____ ex-spouse baited him into argumentative communication and he raised his voice in response to emotional abuse. Judge _____ did not respond with any level of understanding of the situation, only anger. At that time, the Judge decided to make his ruling based on this one moment.

_____ believes that Judge _____ needs some training regarding _____ relationships, narcissist behaviors, and how to listen appropriately to victims of violence.

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I am a _____ at a _____ who is assisting a _____ who had poor experiences with Judge _____ and wanted to make a formal complaint. He would prefer if City Court contact me for follow up if there is any. The _____ name is _____ DOB _____ (AKA _____). _____ instances of dissatisfaction take place in the past, but in order to move forward, he would like City Court to know about his bad experiences so they don't happen to anyone else.

_____ has had to interact with Judge _____ twice for two different instances regarding two orders of protection. These orders of protection were after experiences of violence with his ex-spouse. _____ experiences with Judge _____ were unpleasant both times.

During his experiences with Judge _____ both orders of protection were quashed. _____ did not feel as though he was heard fully.

During his first interaction with Judge _____ the Judge demanded that the defendant and his mother promise to stop harassing _____. During his second experience with Judge _____ when the defendant and his mother did NOT stop harassing _____ Judge _____ noted, " _____ "

Before these events, _____ had a very positive experience with Judge _____. Judge _____ recognized that _____ has _____ regarding his abuse, and helped _____ create an order of protection against his ex and ex's mother.

When meeting with Judge _____ however, _____ stated, " _____ "

During both encounters, Judge _____ threatened to arrest _____ for reasons he still does not understand.

_____ believes that Judge _____ would benefit from additional training regarding intimate partner violence, support, and narcissistic abuse.

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