

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-226

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 12, 2023

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace pro tem made improper statements from the bench intended to discourage him from calling law enforcement in the future.

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 April 12, 2023.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____ Judge's Name: _____

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While the decision was proper, it was the ending statement by the Judge that was improper. He told me that I shouldn't call the Sheriff for things like banana peels (Illegal Dumping) thrown in my driveway everyday for _____ or that I shouldn't call them for Posters of my personal information with photos of me and my house (Harassment) on every mailbox bank in the _____ area of my house (_____ posters per time every week for _____, but save it for serious crimes like when my car was shot up by the same individual in the previous crimes when I went to the lake. This is a ridiculous and out of line thing for a judge to say. To anyone. And it also sent the wrong message to _____ he perpetrator of all these crimes. It has now empowered him to harass me even moreso. Good job judge.

The Sheriff has said, we want you to call us for every single instance of a crime. If you don't, we have no idea that crimes are being committed for demographic puposes and something bad may happen to you if it escalates. They want to try and arrest every offender they can.

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