

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-245

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

September 28, 2022

The Complainant alleged unfair treatment from a small claims hearing officer.

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 Louis Frank Dominguez did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on September 28, 2022.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name _____ Judge's Name: _____

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This hearing was on _____ . This took place in _____ County.
_____ was very short with me, did not give me much time to speak, and did not seem to listen when I spoke. It seemed to be unfair treatment as he let the defendant give him attitude and be disrespectful and took that with grace and understanding but did not want to hear what I had to say.

The best example that I can give to this is:
I explained that there was retaliatory action the defendant took to cost me more money. He asked me to provide the proof of it and stated

His tonality was that of anger that I was not present before him, even though the defendant did not keep me in the loop of asking for a continuance of the hearing date, and that it was granted.

I feel that _____ should have allowed me time and space to explain my side of the story rather than seeming like his mind was made up because I was not there in person.

I don't want to see this happen to others as it makes us lose all faith in the judicial system.

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