State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-250

ORDER

October 12, 2022

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge made improper rulings regarding the exoneration of a bond in a criminal 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 member Christopher W. Ames did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 12, 2022.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: 🗸

Judge's Name

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IN THE COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

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Defendant.

BEFORE COMMISSIONER

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Bond Forfeiture Hearing

Proceedings recorded by electronic sound recording; transcript produced by escribers, LLC.

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APPEARANCES

Commissioner:

For the Plaintiff:

Witnesses:

None

For the Defendant:

Witnesses:

None

Also Present:

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