

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-254

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 12, 2023

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace engaged in improper campaign activities.

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: _____

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.

Yesterday, _____ received an email from the _____ The email said,

"From:

Sent:

To:

Subject: Subject:

Mr.

Attached please find a letter I sent to the _____ group. Because so many people from _____ were in attendance at their meeting I would appreciate if you would send a copy of the letter to your distribution list for the _____

I can be reached at _____ f you have any questions.

Thank you.

I opened the letter, letter is included, which contained some truths and some false accusations. I never said I was supported or urged to run by the former _____ I did meet with the former _____ prior to the campaign, but after her blunt comments, I told her we would have to agree to disagree because I do have the experience and qualifications to be the _____ The letter itself is a violation of rule 4.1 (A) of the Code of Judicial Conduct for Judges.

Later in the day I received another email, with the same letter attached, from the _____

"Hello, All!

_____ requested that I forward this letter to our membership. Please take a moment to read this enlightening letter!

I am _____ That is why I received the letter.

Early voting has started, this is a blatant violation of the Judges Code of Conduct. I urge you to act quickly.

Thank You,

Open Letter to :

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To:

Date:

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Dear

Several people who were in attendance at your meeting have questioned me about comments made by candidate for I feel compelled to respond to what he said to your vast audience. Because your audience had attendees from other areas of the county, I will share this letter with other groups but would appreciate if you could forward my comments to your distribution list.

As you know, County for more than
After the Governor appointed
as my replacement.

Many months before I left my I was approached by who indicated
he wanted to apply for the job I was blunt in telling him that he lacked the
qualifications for the position and that I had spent a great deal of time in
He acknowledged the office was in good hands and
that he would just

At your meeting, was invited to speak
Superior Court. stated ' Other than
his opponent, I am the only that is alive in this County. I must
conclude that he was referring to me. I vehemently deny asking him that I
specifically told him he didn't have the qualifications to perform.

The has found the o be "
The recent reported ZERO negative findings which is
unheard of in an office that is a training ground for so many other offices.

Judicial ethics prevent me from endorsing any candidate for public office. Having served more than _____ in the _____ County court system, that restriction has been very difficult for me. I am very proud of the hard work and dedication of all those who work at this _____ as well as the current condition and professionalism of the office.

I have always complied with all ethical requirements of the Courts, and I am offended that a _____ would use your forum to falsely self-promote at the expense of myself and _____
I reiterate: I never asked _____ to _____
Court.

Sincerely,

Former _____

Court