

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-257

Judges:

Complainant:

ORDER

October 13, 2022

The Complainant alleged two superior court judges engaged in improper ex parte communication.

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 members Colleen E. Concannon and Joseph C. Kreamer did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 13, 2022.

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2022-257

THE ARIZONA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT
1501 W. WASHINGTON
PHOENIX AZ 85007

Re: Judges

I JUST CAME ACROSS THESE
DOCUMENTS. THEY SHOW - ARIZONA
JUDGES - MAKE ET PASTE
CALLS - AS A ROUTINE MEANS
OF DOING BUSINESS - AND - THEIR
JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS - ARE A
VEHICLE

AS THIS ORDER IS SIMILAR TO
IN PAST - WHAT JUDGES AND
DID - I BRING THIS TO
YOUR ATTENTION

FILED

ARIZONA COURT, COUNTY

HON.

CASE NO.

DATE:

Plaintiff,

vs.

Defendant.

State

VS.

Defendant

ORDER

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The Court received and reviewed Petitioner's Motion to _____ or in
the alternative, grant additional extension. The Court additionally spoke to _____, _____ of the _____ of

The Petitioner has requested funds from _____ to retain an expert witness.

_____ believes that the Petitioner more appropriately needs an attorney and not an expert witness at this point.
The Court agrees. The Court believes it is necessary, and in the Petitioner's best interests, to allow additional
time for the filing of a Petition for Post-Conviction Relief pursuant to Rule 32 Ariz.R.Crim.Proc.

Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** Petitioner's request for a _____ Stay. The new due date for the
pending _____ shall be _____.

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Hi — Yes Judge said he would keep all of Mr. cases. Also the re-sentencing on he does not want to keep. Let me know if there are any more cases we MIGHT want to keep ☺

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
Subject:

It's me again with another question.....per your instruction, I excluded case , a case. I just ran across more for him. Does Judge want these as well?

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Judge is KEEPING this defendant's disposition hearing that is pending.

Thank you,

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

All,

 told me this morning that there was a case Judge was thinking about keeping – maybe this is the one. In any event, I have some of the paperwork. Please let me know how it ends up!

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Hello. and I had a phone conversation about this case, so I don't have a paper trail other than my hand written note that was keeping this disposition hearing. , can you clarify? Thank you.

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
Subject:

Hi -
Our notes indicated was keeping that case. We will clarify.
Thanks

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Judge , gave me the disposition report for us to do the hearing on the above case. Yet when I look in it is still assigned to Judge . Do you know anything about why it wasn't transferred to us?