State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-263

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

May 18, 2023

The Complainant alleged a municipal court judge had wrongfully failed to remove a vehicle registration hold with MVD.

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 Delia R. Neal did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on May 18, 2023.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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.

and courts have unfairly put a hold on my MVD vehicles registration renewal thru the). At the present time, I am not allowed to renew my registration. I have motioned the courts 3 times since for them to consider my financial and economic hardship. I am a if I could get a second job to pay my fines in full I would. I have also petitioned to the court that when I defaulted one time in mind you I was paying on time prior to that, I tried making a payment with the court on , and they stated they could not accept it due to my case being referred to collections in Between and presently courts states my case is in collections, I did not receive my first notification from collections until collections violated my legal right of properly notifying me that I was in collections therefore denying me the opportunity of fair debt collection practices. In addition, collections has proceeded to place a hold on my MVD registration renewal. I have petitioned and provided proof of my financial and economic hardship to the courts, and they have responded that I do not have a legal basis. With my limited knowledge of the law, all that I was able to do was research the guidelines, which state that a person who has defaulted once can be considered another opportunity to be put on a payment plan, in addition the courts can consider a participants financial and economic hardship that a MVD registration renewal can impose. Lastly, the guidelines also state that if the participant defaulted due to medical reasons that would be considered a reasonable excuse. I had explained in my motions that I had contracted first, and them my children had contracted it from me shortly after, we were sick for what seemed

I am filing this complaint to have this office assist me in getting my life back, I am not able to renew my MVD registration renewal for my vehicle. I am not able to drive myself to work, my coworker pick/drops me off, when is unable to I pay for With I am worried about my children will get dropped off and picked up. I have had to reschedule my children's medical appointments. I plan on paying back the courts while being on a monthly payment, but I am unable to do abide by their request to pay in full to release my vehicle registration renewal. I have completed and submitted financial affidavit forms and provided written explanations in my motions to no avail.

Also, I think for the future these practices imposed by should be looked into further, there is not website for courts does not provide clear communication as what my rights are with this collections of being a collection company but do not follow the legal guidelines.