

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-276

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

May 25, 2023

The Complainant alleged biased treatment and poor demeanor by a city court judge hearing an order of protection 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 Denise K. Aguilar did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on May 25, 2023.

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**2022 - 276****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.

While there for a Hearing to Dismiss Protective Order (my daughter had got one first before I could file grandparents visitation paperwork), it was immediately noticeable that Judge _____ seemed biased. She advised both parties that we were only to discuss the petition and what is in said petition. However, the first time I noticed it was biased was when the other party was going on for about 15 minutes about childhood trauma, things that never happened or related to the petition at all. I tried to object and the Judge just yelled NO. So we had to sit there and listen to more crying, trauma dumping and childhood issues that never happened even.

That was first issue. Then, as it was finally my turn, I started off with a sentence about how my daughter suffers from _____ she immediately cuts me off and asked me " _____ ? " . No. I explained that my daughter develops many many different mental illnesses or physical illnesses, none ever " _____ " (Basically _____ so she doesn't have to work). I don't believe an unbiased person would act like that even.

Even more, as soon as I tried to ask questions, she kept cutting me off stating only what's in the little one page petition and a couple of dates. Well...the opposing party kept leaving off certain dates of things that they did to me. I tried to speak about the 20 minutes of " _____ " the other party did as well, but she kept repeating only the petition! If this didn't seem like biased, paid off or part of the " _____ " movement about mental health, I don't know what I would call this. I don't even feel I have the right to appeal based off her actions and rudeness. What else would I be subjected to? Or how else would my parenting be attacked? She asked me If I knew my kid suffered from _____ why would I talk to her like that? I felt like saying, you try being abused for twenty years by the opposing party herself and her father! My daughter conveniently left out everything and everyone she's abused for years, all the money she extorted from family, all the " _____ " she's made up and portrayed for attention. I doubt if the Judge ever had to deal with any family members like that.

It was clearly obvious that the opposing party found this an " _____ " the day I stated I will be filing for grandparents rights. My daughter isn't mental health challenged. In fact, she's pretty convincing to anyone who will listen to her. I believe wholeheartedly that the Judge knew from the beginning that my responses and me blowing up on my daughter who refuses to work struck some kind of nerve for her and mv " _____ " was just a waste of time. I believe, as a person who has worked for _____ Court and _____ County _____ that in any office, you are to be unbiased, unphased or recuse yourself. She was neither, and unprofessional towards me.