

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-291

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

March 30, 2023

The Complainant alleged poor demeanor and bias by a superior court judge during a sentencing hearing 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 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 Joseph C. Kreamer did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on March 30, 2023.

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Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**2022 - 291****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.

Judge _____ failed to de-escalate a verbal outburst by _____ challenged defendant during sentencing despite a well documented judicial history of problems. (See Attachment # 1 item _____ Competency Report) instead judge's own rapid escalation of the confrontation and her own injudicious behavior violated defendants rights. Every outburst by defendant was countered by a _____ year sentence increase. _____ signed a plea agreement (See Attachment # 2) whereby he was supposed to be sentenced to _____ years for all of the charges. Instead he was sentenced to over _____ years by an irate Judge

Witness _____ in her witness statement accurately depicts the courtroom scene that the Judge allowed to get out of control. She had many options at her disposal rather than impose a unwarranted sentence because she was angry. I sat with incredulity at the Judges tit for tat interaction with defendant.

Criminal Court Case Information - Case History

Case Information

Case Type: Location:

Party Information

Party Name - Number Relationship Sex Attorney Judge Case #

Disposition Information

Party Name ARSCode Description Crime Date Disposition Code Disposition Date

Case Documents

Filing Date Description Docket Date Filing Party

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