

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 22-320

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Judges:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

June 8, 2023

The Complainant alleged poor demeanor and coercion by a superior court commissioner conducting a settlement conference in a family 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 members Colleen E. Concannon and Delia R. Neal did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on June 8, 2023.

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Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct  
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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY****2022-320****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.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, appeared before Judge \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ started off by specifying the case and who was present, (keep in mind opposing council and the party were already on the \_\_\_\_\_ screen and there had been conversation before my attorney and myself could enter the locked courtroom). Then \_\_\_\_\_ says he has reviewed documents, glares at me and said " \_\_\_\_\_ " Then the rest of the continued \_\_\_\_\_ hours I was getting glared at and weird faces and constant sighs anytime myself or my attorney had to talk. He was using extreme intimidation and " \_\_\_\_\_ " at me if I tried to justify my case. Responding with outrageous ideas that he could make an order (stuff even opposing council wasn't even asking for). \_\_\_\_\_ actions and attitude leave me extremely concerned to the possible impartial position he currently holds, especially when the best interest of the children continued to be overlooked and seem to be viewed as " \_\_\_\_\_ ".

I feel \_\_\_\_\_ needs to learn some professionalism and not use his position as an intimidation stance. Our case had many special circumstances that were not taken into consideration. When I swore under oath, \_\_\_\_\_ asked me if I feel I have been bullied by him or anyone else, getting a major glare from him (more intimidation), I hesitated and then said " \_\_\_\_\_ " even though I FULLY felt bullied and pressured into this agreement. I had even mentioned to my attorney that \_\_\_\_\_ attitude and professionalism was atrocious and something to be embarrassed by (within the first 30 minutes of the session).

Then the next question was, " \_\_\_\_\_ " My response was, " \_\_\_\_\_ " glared at me some more, rubbed his hands all over his face like I was just an annoyance and then proceeded to stare me down some more until I just said " \_\_\_\_\_ " I was hoping that he would view my reasons after I even mentioned that there was so much backstory as to why this was not in the best interest of the children, but he showed no concern. He got his answer and that was all he was after.

I have dealt with \_\_\_\_\_ for over \_\_\_\_\_ years and I have never been treated with such disrespect and disregard. This puts an enourmous amount of fear on me for my children. If this is how Judges are allowed to act and not take the children's cares and concerns into consideration, that is something to be appalled at.