

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-321

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

June 8, 2023

The Complainant alleged improper rulings by a superior court judge hearing 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 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 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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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 have concerns that Judge _____ is working with, and biased towards my ex sister in law. My brother filed for divorce in _____ and the custody agreement was that he gets sole custody with my ex sister in law, _____ getting visitation rights. When the kids went to stay with her in the summer she filed a report claiming abuse. Judge _____ filed an order giving her custody and my brother supervised visitation rights.

My brother hired a lawyer who filed a motion to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. Judge _____ held that _____ had jurisdiction, but decided to keep her order in place until _____ held a hearing. Since _____ never filed properly in _____ she is essentially allowing the custody arrangement to be changed without any jurisdiction on her part, and without requiring _____ to prove her allegations as required by law.

Given the fact that _____ once indicated that she was going to get a job at the _____ Court, despite her felony criminal history, it is my suspicion that Judge _____ is acting in a manner to allow _____ to circumvent the law in order to keep her kids, despite the mountain of evidence showing that she is an unfit mother.

Because of these concerns I am filing this complaint. Judge _____ needs to comply with the law that she has sworn to uphold, and not be performing favors for people that she may happen to know.

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