

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-381

Judge:

Complainants:

ORDER

December 22, 2022

The Complainants alleged a justice of the peace issued an improper ruling in a civil case and showed bias in favor of the opposing attorney.

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 Louis Frank Dominguez did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on December 22, 2022.

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To: Commission on Judicial Court,

Since day one of filing the complaint against _____, the attorney for the Defendant; _____ has been shown favoritism. The Defendants were allowed to have legal representation from an attorney, even though small claim court is not supposed to have legal representation. The Plaintiffs were very adamant of being against the Defendant being allowed an attorney in this case.

_____ has lied to the court on a number of occasions and the judge has allowed the Defendant to provide information that was not accurate. This last situation the judge being biased has denied my case and my request for default judgment be filed against _____.

I have received no court documents, nor have I had any other kind of communication from the Defendant's attorney _____ since the court conference date of _____. Attorney _____ had _____ business days from the date of receiving the certified mail to file a response. That also includes providing that information to the Plaintiffs. Which, he did not.

My daughter _____ and I have followed the court rules. However, the Judge _____ has disregarded time frames and procedures for properly filing court papers that is established by the _____, and it should apply to the Plaintiffs as well as the Defendant? In addition, the intercessions for the attorney _____ have been unfair, when the attorney file responses but do not provide the Plaintiff with the information that is being filed with the court. This is unethical. Therefore, this is an injustice to myself and my daughter as the Plaintiffs.

The judge biases to move forward based on the Defendant's court filing is one sided. The judge made decisions without having the Defendant provide proof of the Plaintiffs being served according to _____ Court.

In conclusion, I would like to know what other entity I can contact to have the situation investigated to receive some assistance in this matter. My contact phone number is

Sincerely,