

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 22-452

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

January 11, 2023

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge showed bias and improper demeanor 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 Michael J. Brown did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on January 11, 2023.

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY****2022 - 452****COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Judge \_\_\_\_\_ was the judge on a sibling's case, my sibling was the defendant. My mother and I were both watching virtually. I could not be there in person, because my husband was in \_\_\_\_\_. It is my understanding that a Judge is to be impartial, just, and fair. I don't believe telling a Defendant that he will die in prison, that he doesn't believe the defendant has benn or can change is fair, just or impartial.

People can be rehabilitated, people can change, and my brother has. His comments to the defendant were unethical and unwarranted.

His support and enthusiasm towards the Prosecution were very dissappointing, and unfair to the defense. His judgement was biased.

I am a registered voter, and have an impeccable reputation in my busienss and in the community. My voice will be heard when I vote as well.

A Judge like \_\_\_\_\_ should not be sitting in the seat he is in, in my opinon, and what my Mother and I witnessed of him in a court room on \_\_\_\_\_. I would not anyone else to have to suffer in his courtroom because of his biased beliefs.

It is too late for us and my sibling, because the sentence has been determined.

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