# State of Arizona

# COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

# Disposition of Complaint 22-480

Judge:

Complainant:

# ORDER

### August 28, 2023

The complainant alleged improper legal rulings by a superior court judge hearing a civil 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 Denise K. Aguilar and Louis F. Dominguez did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on August 28, 2023.

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## COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Judge's Name:

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I, daughter and POA for (a Protected Person) filed in the County (Judge presiding), a Petition for Guardian and Conservator for s was progressing and many parties exploited her in the past and were still presently exploiting her. was my legal Counsel. and ), by their attorney, Object to the Petition. Parties opposing rights to 3rd party G/C protection in her Jurisdiction of Arizona, reside in

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" (POA and Trustee).

Judge issued an Order that was under the Jurisdiction of County, that there were no G/C proceedings in Fiduciary for her protection. Judge also stated his present retirement and the need to assign the case to an alternate Judge. Judge was Substituted.

Emergency Guardianship Hearing. by her attorney Petitioned for Emergency Guardianship after learning that (acting as Health Care POA) moved from her vear residence at to where she was then prescribed LETHAL evels of is known to be LETHAL with elders with . The 's increased was more than guadrupled to deal with orm a new and unfamiliar residence. is a powerful Antipsychotic medication with serious side effects, and it is not prescribed for 's attorney. . on sent a letter to attorney. regarding the urgency of intervention. at the hands of In addition to the medical abuse of and the Court was informed that

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Additionally on . Judge denied petition for a 3rd party Guardian for and allowed , with an Injunction for Harassment for False Reporting, and .....

Continued on attached Documents

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# <u>Timeline of Legal Proceedings for the Petition of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Guardian</u> and Conservator for , a Protected Person

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The G/C Trial commenced at on . Judge began by accusing of "lying" to the court, adding that " " that " " that " " as a means to manipulate and delay Court proceedings.

As seen in the Court's Transcripts, Judge statements to were the following:

"THE COURT:

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