

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-502

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 14, 2023

The complainant alleged a superior court commissioner made improper rulings 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 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 member Delia R. Neal did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 14, 2023.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____

Judge's Name: _____

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On _____ Judge _____ issued an income withholding order of _____ per month. He completely disregarded evidence that the petitioner does indeed have sufficient property, including property apportioned to the spouse, to provide for that spouse's reasonable needs. As of our date of separation I balanced our accounts and provided _____ with _____ in liquid assets. She has been self-sufficient since our date of separation of _____ which is further evidence of the unjust income withholding order.

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