State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-002

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 21, 2023

The complainant alleged bias and poor demeanor by a superior court judge pro tem hearing 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 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 Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 21, 2023.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Your name

Judge's name:

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Instructions: Describe in your own words what the judge did that you believe constitutes misconduct. Please provide all of the important names, dates, times and places related to your complaint. You can use this form or plain paper of the same size to explain your complaint, and you may attach additional pages. Do not write on the back of any page. You may attach copies of any documents you believe will help us understand your complaint.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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FILE NO.

TO THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT:			
1. the undersigned complainant, believe that Judge of the (cl			
one) 🗆 municipal court; 🗋 justice court; 🗋 superior court: 🗋 court of appeals; or 🗐 supreme court located in the			
city of, Arizona, has committed misconduct.			
GENERAL ALLEGATIONS			
I also allege that the judge's misconduct involves one or more of the following (check all that apply):			
A plea of guilty or no contest or a finding of guilty to a crime punishable as a felony under Arizona or federal law or of any other crime that involves moral turpitude under such law.			
A disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties that is or is likely to become permanent.			
Willful misconduct in office.			
Willful and persistent failure to perform duties.			
Habitual intemperance (addiction to alcohol or drugs).			
Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute.			
A violation of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.			
In support of these allegations, I submit the attached statement of facts and request that the commission take			
appropriate action to investigate the judge's conduct.			
Complainant's name: Telephone: MESSAGE #			
Street Address:			
City: Zip Code:			
Complainant's Signature: Date:			
Check here if you are involved in a lawsuit that is still pending before this judge. Case No.:			
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