

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-079

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

September 22, 2023

The complainant alleged inappropriate demeanor by a superior court judge conducting 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 members Denise K. Aguilar, Barbara Brown, and Louis Frank Dominguez did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on September 22, 2023.

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Commission,
On _____ was sentenced in the _____ Court for
driving while on drugs, killing one and forever disabling others.

I believe the case was _____

The Judge was Judge _____

No words can express the lack of competence of this Judge.

She talked about her own personal experiences and had to 'self sooth' during the sentencing.

At one point she told one of the survivors of the accident that at least there was only one coffin not two.

After the hearing, as everyone left the courtroom, everyone who witnessed the sentencing was stunned at the unprofessionalism and incompetence of this Judge.

I don't understand why the attorneys can't do something.

I am sure the hearing must have been recorded. You should listen yourself.

I am sorry I can not provide my name. We are a small community and this Judge is known for her vindictive nature. If she does not like some one she will stock the person. She will ruin their life. She will seek revenge. I cannot afford to risk my job or my family.

I thought that Judges had to have schooling about how to be a Judge?