

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-115

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

July 5, 2023

The complainant alleged improper legal rulings and poor demeanor by a superior court judge 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 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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 5, 2023.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: [] Judge's Name: []

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records.

This is regarding the [] of Judge [] for [] in []. I have not had a case pending before her since [], I just wanted to write regarding what I have seen in her courtroom. I did file a complaint against her when my case was still in her court. I originally was assigned her as my judge because of an aggravated assault case against me. While this case was pending I was out on a bond, [] I believe. While out on bond I was cited for DUI in the [] parking lot in [] in []. The next time I appeared in her court after my DUI citation Judge [] revoked my low bond and raised it to [], at which time I was stuck in jail. After sitting in jail I then eventually took a plea bargain for I crime I did not commit. I was promised that I would do [] days in jail and then be placed on probation for [] years. When I appeared in court at the change of plea hearing Judge [] had changed the jail time to [] days. I had pled guilty to the DUI and the judge in that misdemeanor case had agreed to let the jail time for the DUI run concurrent to my other case that I was already in jail for. What [] did when she added the extra [] days actually nullified my agreement that was made in another court. While on probation I failed a few [] for [] and was thrown in jail by Judge []. At one point while she had put me in jail for a positive [] Judge [] was transferred to head [] Court. I was then screened and placed in [] Court, where I was then under her control again. Keep in mind that I don't use drugs and my original case had nothing to do with alcohol. While I was in her [] Court I saw that [] was very unpredictable and moody, which now makes me wonder if she was drinking while on the job. I saw Judge [] berate people and take joy in locking them up. I was within months of completing [] Court and then after a failed [] she revoked my probation, and I was sentenced to [] years in prison. Judge [] needs to be immediately removed from the bench. [] then needs to face the full consequences for the decision that she made [] as they say, she should not be treated any differently because she was a Judge. If anything she needs to be held to a higher standard because of her involvement in [] Court. [] Protective custody is fine, as long as it is done in the [] County jail in [] ([] I just want to make sure that her [] is not pled down or just " [] " , that seems to happen a lot for people with power.