

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-136

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

September 22, 2023

The complainant alleged a superior court commissioner ignored legal issues in a settlement conference, and convinced complainant to take a plea agreement.

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, 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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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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In Department +
Committee and submit a report supporting a
Case of Mistaken Identity when alleging
a violation of Theft of Mails or Transportation.
They charge me with said above crime &
also include failure to Register as a Sex
Offender when booked. I asked attorneys
for trial and was suggested to file Rule 11.
After ruled competent I was then advised
to have a settlement conference with Judge
so she could talk some sense into me. I
would really rather have progressed case towards
trial. During settlement conference Judge
is made aware of civil rights violation
where cops. alleged in Police Report that I
have failed to register as a sex offender.
I have never committed a sex violation at
any time & due to this error being evident
my case would easily be dismissed before
trial preparations start. At vs old
the Judge uses Settlement conferences
to persuade me into agreeing signing my
rights away and admitting guilt was the
best idea. I signed plea deal for
in D.O.C. and years probation to follow.

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If I can please request a copy of the transcripts from settlement conferences during - for personal and families reviews