

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-139

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

September 22, 2023

The complainant alleged a superior court commissioner did not allow her to be heard as promised.

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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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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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.

I ATTENDED A HEARING ON _____ REGARDING _____ WITH
TEMPORARY GUARDIAN ASSIGNED _____ AND APPOINTED JUDGE _____ BUT HE
WAS UNAVAILABLE SO COMMISSIONER _____ WAS FILLING IN FOR HIM. AT THE
BEGINNING OF THE HEARING, COMMISSIONER _____ SAID THAT ALL PRESENT IN-
CLUDING MYSELF AS _____ DURABLE POWER ATTORNEY, MEDICAL POWER
ATTORNEY WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK. YET, COMMISSIONER _____ NEVER
LET ME. THOUGH _____ ASKED ME TO ATTEND HIS TRIAL TO SUPPORT HIM
AND SHARE HIS CONCERNS, BUT I WAS NEVER GIVEN A CHANCE.
I FEEL THAT _____ DOES NOT NEED NOR WITH HIS LIMITED INCOME IS ABLE TO
AFFORD A GUARDIAN OR CONSERVATOR. I AM PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF CARING FOR HIS
NEEDS AT NO CHARGE, STRICTLY BECAUSE I TRULY CARE ABOUT HIS WELL BEING.
I WENT TO THIS HEARING IN HOPES TO NOTIFY JUDGE _____ THAT AFTER MONTHS OF
_____ ATTORNEY _____ FROM _____ LOOKING FOR A FAMILY
MEMBER OR CLOSE FRIEND TO STEP UP AND HELP HIM. THAT I WAS HERE AND AVAILABLE
TO CARE FOR _____ AND REQUEST THAT THE JUDGE DISMISS HIS TEMPORARY
GUARDIAN AND TO CLOSE THE CASE.
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK HERE, AS MY HEART'S DESIRE IS TO ASSURE
_____ LIMITED FINANCES ARE NOT DRAINED BY A COURT APPOINTED GUARDIAN
OR CONSERVATOR, WHICH CLEARLY WITH MYSELF ON BOARD IS NOT NECESSARY.

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MY COMPLAINT HERE IS THAT COMMISSIONER BROKE HER PROMISE AT

THE BEGINNING OF THE HEARING THAT ALL PRESENT WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK.

FOR I HAVE MUCH HELPFUL INFORMATION TO THE COURTS REGARDING THE PROPER CARE

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THANK YOU KINDLY FOR REVIEWING THIS COMPLAINT.