State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-205

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

September 15, 2023

The complainant alleged lack of competence by a justice of the peace hearing a civil 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 Barbara Brown did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on September 15, 2023.

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23-205

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name:

Judge's Name:

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Defendant filed a Motion to Dismiss; Plaintiff filed a page response citing numerous applicable statutes and court decisions. The judge ordered a Dismissal with Prejudice within days of Plaintiff's filing, offering no explanation for her reasoning or any indication that she gave any thought to the parties' arguments at all. Instead, her order contained a single, nonsensical sentence: "Plaintiff Motion to Dismiss - Granted." I am the Plaintiff, and I didn't file a motion to dismiss. Even the Defendant was perplexed and/or dissatisfied with the judge's meaningless order, and so their counsel filed a Motion for Clarification.

It is my contention that lawsuits are a very serious matter for those concerned, and we have the right to be sure that the judge is both qualified and genuinely attentive to the issues at hand. The fact that Judge

wouldn't - or couldn't - even produce one logical sentence in her final judgment regarding my case indicates plainly that her " "Considering that she wasn't sufficiently invested to issue a comprehensible judgment, I have no confidence that she grasped the points that I took great pains to make in my Response to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss - or for that matter, that she even read the document(s).

I also find it interesting that in notifying the parties, the order indicates that Judge sent the Plaintiff's copy (mine) via U.S. Mail, while the Defendant's copy was sent via Runner Service. Is there some explanation as to why she would apparently prioritize the Dedendant's notification? To my mind, that lends credence to the possibility that her decision had little (or nothing) to do with the facts of the case.

I do not believe that

is fit to be a judge.

The signature box of the online complaint form is not allowing me to type in my name, so I hereby sign and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information and the allegations contained in the attached complaint are true.

(Plaintiff)

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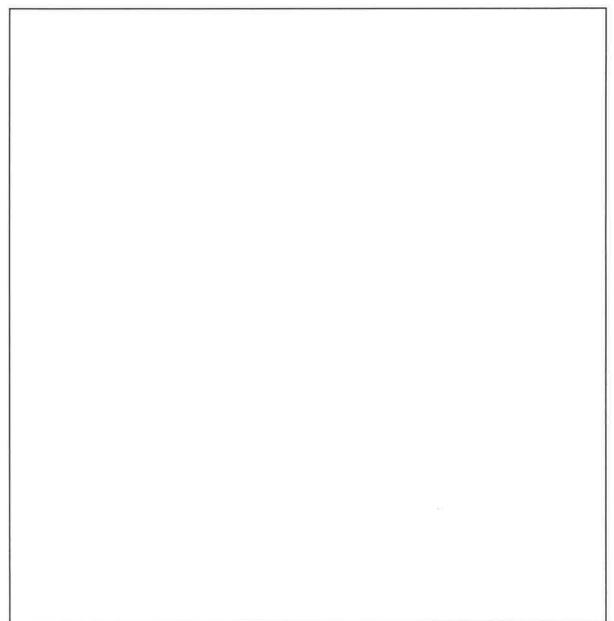
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