

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-229

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

November 9, 2023

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge pro tem made inappropriate comments in a family law settlement conference.

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 Colleen E. Concannon and Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on November 9, 2023.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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On [] @ [] on []
Microsoft Teams Meeting we all login under
instruction of [] for our Settlement
Conference ordered by Honorable []
[] went over what was going to happen and
that days objective. He went on to say that
my attorney ([]) did not provide a
statement and for that reason he wanted to
start with both [] and I, while having
[] and opposing counsel
hang up until we called back. We agreed; at
this point [] started to speak on how
he has read their statement and frankly
did not see why I was still actively pursuing,
the case as [] had "
He also went on to say that both [] and
I have had " [] attorneys on this case
and if he was asked to be our attorney he would
decline based off that being a sign that this
is out of hand. After speaking his own opinion
he asked my attorney to speak and relay what I
was willing to do or not do and what I expected

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from all this. I couldn't hear my attorney at all
I told 2 times I couldn't hear. While laughing
with my attorney and me not able to hear I asked
if I could call in to hear and was declined and
told he was calling the other party and he would
call back. After waiting he called back to say he had
spoken to and and again felt I was out
of hand as only "our child for a few
hours. I stated "
and I had to get seperate Rule 48's one being an
Emergency pick up order and it still took mins."
stated "
He than went on to
say I was just "

" He stated has suffered enough, I could
have went through all this in a different manner instead of
a Rule 48. He stated

" I stated I
think this is not fair on how you are Judging me as he is
the one who withheld " and then got an OOP against me.
"while I was speaking proceeded to chew ice as if I bothered
him." After the hearing put in an order that was
Impartial and stated he belived I should pay attorney

fees even though that was not a normal way to write up a settlement conference ending notes. Being that the parties (§ 1) as well as (and) were never on the phone meeting all together except for the beginning before seperated us to speak about our side of the case; I feel he was not impartial and should have withdrawn knowing he could not be. He was very inappropriate with his comments to me about his own personal opinion of who he thought I was, " " " " " "

" He was highly inappropriate by speaking about how I moment and if I dont he will guarantee I will loss our case and wouldn't be surprised when I pay all attorney fees and have to give him make up time. also stated if we kept doing this he wouldn't be surprised if got involved and took our daughter. From all this I had to pay my attorneys to file a motion to have the order placed into our case stricken from the record as well as the opposing parties statement; which Judge Granted. motion filed ; order entered

Thank you

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