

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 23-248

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**AMENDED ORDER**

October 13, 2023

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace was too lenient with his brother in 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 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 Amended Order corrects a typographical error in the synopsis paragraph. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Commission members Barbara Brown and Colleen E. Concannon did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 13, 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.

I am the brother of \_\_\_\_\_, the defendant. My brother has been a heroin addict for many years now, he is 28 years old. He injects heroin into his veins, steals, and trades for and sells drugs. He has had many run in's with the law, but everytime he comes before a judge he gets a slap on the wrist. \_\_\_\_\_ has been his judge everytime. \_\_\_\_\_ has put him in programs that do not work, and make my mother do the heavy lifting like driving him to classes and meetings. Some classes and mandatory, If a certain class is mandatory, my brother skips it anyway and faces no concequences. My mother and I love my brother very much, but he has become a terror in her home. He does hard drugs all day, invites other drug addicts into my mothers home putting her in danger. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ sent a letter to \_\_\_\_\_ saying she cannot handle his behavior. To this \_\_\_\_\_ had done nothing but give him the bare minimum of jail time and or punishment. Recently my brother has been caught with what heard was alot of drugs, and he will probably be set free soon leaving my mother to deal with his ongoing delinquencies. \_\_\_\_\_ will never go into a rehab center, he needs to be in jail to get sober and restart his life. I am not a judge to decide this punishment, but the judge who can help us, his family, will not do so. I can't sit back and watch my mother deal with his actions while under the influence. This complaint is directed at the leniency of \_\_\_\_\_ towards my brother's crimes and drug use, not to mention our mother's worries. \_\_\_\_\_ has court at \_\_\_\_\_ today. I expect him to be released under the judges eniency again, even after being caught with drugs and failure to apear twice.