

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 23-252

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

October 13, 2023

The Complainant alleged improper legal rulings by a city court judge hearing an injunction against harassment 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 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.

-The judge is not legally allowed to let the defendant loiter at my residence. She has a legal responsibility of using this as one of the reasons to uphold the injunction.

Me:

Me:

-The judge is not legally allowed to badger me.

Judge:

Me:

At that time the question was asked and answered. She legally should have dropped it instead of asking me to speculate and then allowing the defendant to use it against me later.

Judge:

I answered her because she is a judge and we were in court.

Me:

Judge:

Me:

Judge:

- No one in the courtroom is legally allowed to bring up anything irrelevant during court.

Defendant:

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Me:

The judge legally had to intervene at this point but chose not to.

Defendant:

Me:

Judge:

-Judge:

Only the events on \_\_\_\_\_ are legally allowed to be spoken about which the judge proved she was aware of.

Judge:

The judge is not legally allowed to say that I said anything that I did not say. I did not say menacing or threatening; she did which proves that she knows that is what he was doing and therefore has the legal responsibility of upholding the injunction.

-Again, no one in the courtroom is legally allowed to bring up anything irrelevant during court.

Only the events on \_\_\_\_\_ are legally allowed to be spoken about which the judge proved she was aware of. She is not legally allowed to open the door for anyone to deflect away from my safety. My safety is what the case is about.

Judge:

Defendant:

Judge:

Defendant:

Judge:

Shown above I had already stated to the defendant: You're not allowed to bring up another person

Shown above, I had already stated to the defendant: You're not allowed to bring up another person who has nothing to do with this court case.

Defendant:

Shown above,

- Again, no one in the courtroom is legally allowed to bring up anything irrelevant during court.

Defendant:

Me:

The judge legally had to intervene at this point but chose not to.

Defendant:

Me:

Judge:

At this point the judge had the legal responsibility of warning the defendant about being held in contempt but she chose not to.

Defendant:

Shown above,

-The judge is not legally allowed to badger me.

Judge:

Me:

At that time the question was asked and answered. She legally should have dropped it instead of asking me to speculate and then allowing the defendant to use it against me later.

Judge:

I answered her because she is a judge and we were in court.

Me:

Judge:

Me:

Judge:

The judge is not legally allowed to allow anyone to lie in court but she did allow the defendant to lie in court. I did not say that he stood on the doorstep for hours. The above is a reminder of what I stated.

-Again, no one in the courtroom is legally allowed to bring up anything irrelevant during court.

Only the events on [redacted] are legally allowed to be spoken about which the judge proved she was aware of. She is not legally allowed to open the door for anyone to deflect away from my safety. My safety is what the case is about.

Defendant:

-Again, the judge is not legally allowed to allow anyone to lie in court but she did allow the defendant to lie in court. I did not say that this has happened times; times in years.

Defendant:

Again, shown above is:

At this point the judge had the legal responsibility of holding the defendant in contempt but she chose not to.

Only the events on [redacted] are legally allowed to be spoken about which the judge proved she was aware of.

-Judge:

Judge:

There was more than one incident:

Again, the judge is not legally allowed to let the defendant loiter at my residence. She has a legal responsibility of using this as one of the reasons to uphold the injunction.

Judge:

The judge is not legally allowed to say that I said anything that I did not say. I did not say menacing or threatening; she did which proves that she knows that is what he was doing and therefore has the legal responsibility of upholding the injunction.

-The judge is not allowed to give him permission to break the law:

Judge:

Prepared by Plaintiff:

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