State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-281

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

October 24, 2023

The complainant alleged a superior court judge (now retired) failed to maintain decorum in her courtroom.

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 Barbara Brown, Joseph C. Kreamer, and Christopher P. Staring did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on October 24, 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.

last hearing, Court Connect, Microsoft teams Meeting. Vidio appearce.

The decision by Judge was unsubstantiated and ruled without consideration of the truth or facts. She made a ruling that was incorrect as to the nature of the case. There was no Legal basos for the defedents actions, there was no lease, yet she let rant without substanuating her lies. Also the plaintiff stealing all the furniture owned by the defendent, without the rule of law. No lease. no statute No legal basis for what she did. A police report was made that day noting that there was no lease. I would consider this a theft. This is where the Judge failed to rule, there was no legal basis for the lockout and eventual removal of the furnishings. Clearly a theft.

She let the attorney for the plaintif rant out of control in a zoom meeting that was also seen in my personal home, and his conduct was not appropriate. The Judge allowed his misconduct, ranting about things that were not even relevent to the case. He was disrespectful to us as defendents and did not conduct himself in a respectful manner to the court. The Judge did not control his outburst and ranting out of control. She just proceeded as if it is the manner in which a trial is conducted. Because of Covid, it is understandble that there is some confusion as how to conduct yourself, but my usnerstanding this conduct should be handled by the Judge when it gets out of control or is disrespectful. These are actually held in peoples homes or businesses. Should be done with respect to the surroundings.

His disrespectful conduct was not becoming to a court hearing and was very disruptive to us as plaintifs in a legal case. This was not a local bar.it was conducted as such. I would not allow that disrespect in my home or an office of the court. Unfortunately it was so unexpected, we were shocked by this behavior and the fact that Judge allowed this disruptive upsetting conduct. She should have stopped him.

His miriad of lies and mistruths were not substantiated by any proof. The plaintifs terrible shook up by his behavio, my husband shaking in disbelief at what he was saying and the judge allowing it. It was dificult to go forward with this outrageous behavior of a trial, this Judge is obviously useto this misconduct. Not us and not in our home, where it was conducted. She could see how upsetting we both were with his conduct and miriad of lyes. It was difficult to respond to all the lies and mistruths, we were stunned.

We deserved the Judge to stop this prodeeding and sanction and we were not diving sufficiant time or consideration for of was not present, she also had a behavior problem in the arbitration hearing. In a crazy voice stating she chopped up my table and threw it in the dumpster. What is wrong with the law. I have never been in these situations in plus years and am appauled at the conduct allowed by the courts. It must be the sign of the time, where disrespect is allowed.

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