# State of Arizona

## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

# Disposition of Complaint 23-286

Judge:

Complainants:

# ORDER

### December 26, 2023

The Complainants alleged a municipal court judge shouted at one of the Complainants and failed to recuse herself in 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).

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on December 26, 2023.

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# COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name:

Judge's Name:

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On a hearing took place at Court. was the Plaintiff and was the Defendant. telephonically attended. The hearing was a challange to an Injunction Against Harassment [IAH]. Several days before the hearing sent an Court Office requesting to add / amend several more complaints to the IAH. The email to the Court offices' reply was non-responsive. The question was asked again on a separate day via email and there was no reply. When the hearing started Judge was very strident. Judge had previously refused to allow to allow attorney to attend via telephone, each time she would need to ask a question. Judge Judge interrupted began to shout, repeatedly, throughout the hearing at began to cry due and being shouted at and told the Judge she didnt understand why an to her unrelated guestion was being asked. Judge then allowed the defendant to ask another unrelated guestion about HOA fees which have no bearing or relation to this case whatsover. The rules of the hearings are to specifically address the complaint which, in the case, has been the criminal organized harassment of and his neighbor by was sworn in, he immediatly asked " After demanding several times to allow questions, she allowed it. When was asking personal questions about " as Judge employment that were unrelated. This had absolutly nothing to do with the case. Judge continued with her questions by is home and when she comes and retuns to asking personal guestions about how long told her it was no business of the government to inquire about very personal matters in her home. someones home. The Judge then continued by starting to address the first complaint on the case which putting up his middle finger on was at . Her reply to was" This despite her issuing direct, specific in her court when a previous IAH was granted, that instructions to and if we were to get video or a picture of a defendant --with their middle finger up, she would then grant an IAH on that person. So this is when challanged her on her direct instruction that she issued. She ", and asked." said and admonished her as to he previous instructions she had not remembered. So the hearing was continued to council put Judge on notice via email to the Courts email that Judge needed to recuse herself before the next hearing due to the fact that she was to be called as a witness as she has impeached her credibility. Judge is judicially disqualified to hear the upcoming case. Her behaviour breaks practically every rule in the Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees in Arizona specifically Rule 2.11. A. Additionally she breaks the Code of Conduct rules to maintain diginity in the judicial office as well as additional rules of circumventing her own specific instructions and standards in approving IAH's but then forgetting she issued them. The history of the Judge is she joined the after arriving in from and , if the records are correct. To sum up--The in interaction in the hearing was abusive to and should never take place in any court in America. She is also set to hear another case involving neighbor [Case # ] which is tomorrow which she is not allowing enough time to allow attornyes to attend. People are choosing to live in Arizona by rapidly increasing numbers, this judge could find a better way to preform her duties in Arizona. Feel free to contact us at the numbers listed,

Thank you for your time in this matter.

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