

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 23-307

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

January 12, 2024

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge made an improper ruling in denying an order of protection.

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 member Barbara Brown did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on January 12, 2024.

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**2023-307**

**COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE**

Name:  Judge's Name:

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On \_\_\_\_\_ I went into \_\_\_\_\_ County court and probation building to file an injunction against harrassment. I was very clear when asking what I needed to file and under what circumstances should said action be filed.

I filled out the paperwork. I awaited the judge who presided over my case. When I entered I was upfront and forth coming about the \_\_\_\_\_ and extreme \_\_\_\_\_ this caused me. Due to the history, years spent in court for false allegations, legal harrassment, and other forms of torment this indiviual, whom we were seeking the injunction against, has deployed against my family and I. I asked for my husband to be in the courtroom with me to help me articulate my concerns. I was scoffed at and asked if I was unable to answer for myself. Then she said he could come in but only in the gallery. I again asked the judge, again, if he could sit with me and help me to answer. and she discouraged me. Citina "

' I felt I had no choice in the manner, so we proceeded. I was visibly upset and in tears, shaken, because I had spent the better part of a decade in a courtroom due to harrassment from this indiviual that I was seeking protection from.

I had misquoted the year in my first date of first incident. The judge seemed annoyed that I had it wrong. Made a copy and asked me to follow along. She then asked me to explain the points. After I did, and attempted to explain that this was an ongoing issue with this person and there was a case that had followed us here, from \_\_\_\_\_ I was cut off and told that she was familiar with the case and was up to date.

She then ask if there was any domestic violence that had ocured in the past year. Violence no, harrassment that put us in a state of fear, yes. Then she said because there hadnt been any domestic violence, that she wouldnt grant an order of protection. Stating, "

The reason for my complaint is, that while this is going on my son and husband have also filed injuction against harrassment against the same indiviual, my ex-husband, my son's father. They were directed to the \_\_\_\_\_ division. I was told I had to be seen by Judge \_\_\_\_\_ because of the pending case in the family court division. My husband and son both listed the same incidents as the reasons and requests for asking for the court to grant the injunction. They were both grated their orders of protection.

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I am unsure how there can be such a gross difference in the standards or regulations when deciding on these things. I am now fearful that I am not being heard or protected. I am fearful that a person who has caused irreparable damage will be allowed to start causing the same types of damage our family has so desperately tried to escape.

My family I had to ask the courts permission to move away from \_\_\_\_\_ because of the incessant stalking and fear of physical harm. It was granted then. He has started with the same tactics that led us to that point. We just need help. One judge saw it twice, and granted it. The other saw it, didnt allow explanation, and denied it.

I have requested copies of all hearings from today. Mine, my sons, and my husband. Just to simply show the openness of one judge to hear all of the evidence and grant a decision, twice, and the other to be dismissive and unwilling to listen. I feel less protected than before going to ask for help.