

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-338

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

February 20, 2024

The Complainant alleged a city court judge failed to supervise court staff or follow correct procedures for processing a traffic complaint.

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 Michael J. Brown did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 20, 2024.

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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 showed up to see a judge for a speeding ticket violation and driving with a suspended license violation. I informed the judge that I wanted to request a hearing. The police officer who pulled me over, did not show up to the first hearing or any subsequent hearings. The prosecutor and judge postponed the trial. Again, at the second hearing, the police officer failed to show up and another judge was given the case.

The prosecutor had a mask while the hearings were taking place. Additionally, when I asked for the minutes entry - there were several pieces of information missing. Furthermore, during one of the hearings - I had mentioned to the judge that I had filed a color of law complaint against the police officer.

The charge for driving with a suspended license was dropped during one of the hearings.

Needless to say, I never saw the police officer again. I tried to make payments with the court while some of the hearings were taking place. For whatever reason, every time I called the court, the clerk kept saying "and that" "because the machines were down.

Additionally, mail seemed to go missing at my address - several times. The missing mail appeared to be facilitated by post office employees or the employees of my previous landlord.

The address was:

I explained all of this to the judge but it appears that she was not interested, in some of these facts.

I sent various emails, from different email addresses: _____ and _____
I had informed the prosecutor and his office that email communication and regular mail was required because of the items that kept going missing. I received emails from the prosecutor's office on _____. I sent email communications on _____ and _____.

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