

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-356

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

February 23, 2024

The Complainant alleged a superior court judge made improper legal decisions in a criminal 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 member Denise K. Aguilar did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on February 23, 2024.

TO:
Commission on Judicial Conduct
1501 Washington, Ste 229
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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I am regarding to judge _____ of the _____ Court of
Arizona, for _____ county, failing to prevent coercion and perjury
under duress, in his court in case number _____, I
submit the following information.

On _____, the _____ day of _____, in the year
anno domini, the attorney
_____ did use fear to cause his mentally ill, and heavily medicated,
client _____ to sign a plea agreement against his will and
under duress. _____ was the presiding judge, over
these events, and made no effort to prevent the signing under duress
and without the ability for _____ to understand (due to his mental
health condition and medication). The court had been made aware of
_____ mental health conditions and medication, prior to these events.

I charge, that by allowing a defense attorney to use fear to force a
mentally ill client to act under duress, in his court, judge _____
was acting without honor, and failed the duties of his office.

My name is _____, _____ county is detaining me under the name
_____. I hereby attest that, to the best of my knowledge,
all information herein is true and factual.