

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-407

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

May 24, 2024

The Complainant alleged bias and improper legal rulings by a justice of the peace hearing an eviction 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 members Barbara Brown and Delia R. Neal did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

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

The JP was vehemently aggressive & belligerent towards me during the entire 'eviction' proceeding(s). His impartiality was made manifest when he stated that, 'It sounds like I did strike the person known as - first!'

His unsolicited ~~statement~~ ^{statement} was shocking & detestable. His partiality for ^{me} was evident from start to finish. Recording available on request