

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 10-217

Complainant:	No. 1143600240A
Judge:	No. 1143600240B

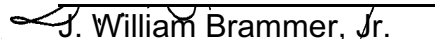
ORDER

The complainant alleged that a justice of the peace violated election laws and code restrictions and was biased. After reviewing a response from the judge the commission decided to issue a private warning reminding the judge of his obligation to comply with Rule 4.1(3), which prohibits judges from endorsing a candidate for public office.

The complaint is dismissed pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: December 20, 2010

FOR THE COMMISSION ,


J. William Brammer, Jr.
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were mailed
to the complainant and the judge
on December 20, 2010.

This order may not be used as a basis for disqualification of a judge.

08/25/2010

Commission on Judicial Conduct
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To Whom It May Concern:

Justice of the Peace _____ needs to be censured. He went "all out" in violations this time. I guess it was because he knew that he was losing a political campaign and that nobody can touch him once he loses anyhow. REGARDLESS, I ask that you continue and severely censure him (or execute whichever punishment you deem necessary harsher than mere censure), DESPITE the fact that he will no longer be Justice of the Peace here in West Mesa where I am a constituent.

_____ threw out one of my civil cases because of nothing but his own personal bias. He also forwarded a civil lawsuit of mine (against a landlord) to a proven landlord loving judge. He supported (AND ENDORSED) my opponent, Fred _____ (the WORST man for the job). They ran their campaigns together; same sized signs with similar verbiage and even used each other's poles. I'm not sure what the heck is going on over there in that court, but I remember a time I showed up with a client of mine and we had to see him urgently but were told that he was out fishing. It would be great if he could have at least had a judge pro tempore cover him when he was gone.

He also failed to abide by the law and dismiss a case from January of 2009. Instead, he allowed it to remain in place and then, subsequently, allowed his friend (my political opponent) to try and use it against me. (I am not sure, but I even think that he somehow modified the final order from its original form. I will need to double check).

Also, _____ regularly placed signs IN FRONT of mine (and in front of his opponent's), rendering ours useless. I personally saw _____ post three of my opponent's signs, yet turn right around and look me in the eyes and lie through his teeth to my face stating that he hadn't put up ANY of Arnett's campaign material. _____ even went so far to go to the newspaper and tell them how "great" of a job my opponent is doing, but stated to me that it "was not an endorsement" (even though it clearly was). PLEASE KEEP IN MIND that the newspaper printed his comments less than a week before the election. These should all be deemed blatant (and severe) violations of a judge's cannons and ethics codes.

I also overheard _____ state that he "had to hurry and get back to the bench to hear a case" while he was out campaigning and even though he was being paid over \$100,000 yearly of taxpayer dollars.

For these violations, and many more, I ask that (soon to be ex) _____ be severely and harshly censured for his dubious behavior and retire with a black mark on his record as well or even removed from the bench early.

Thank you.