

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 11-193

Complainant: No. 1423810468A

Judge: No. 1423810468B

ORDER

The complainant alleged that a superior court commissioner failed to properly explain her ruling, allowed an attorney to be rude and unprofessional, and was biased.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if the judge engaged in conduct that violated the Code of Judicial Conduct and, if so, to take appropriate disciplinary action. The purpose and authority of the commission is limited to this mission.

After thoroughly reviewing all of the information provided by the complainant along with the recording of the hearing, the members of the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judge did not violate the Code in this case. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23.

Dated: October 7, 2011.

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were mailed to the complainant and the judge on October 7, 2011.

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

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**2011-193****COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE****Your name:****Judge's name:****Date:** 7-26-2011

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Attach additional pages, as needed. Please describe in your own words what the judge said or did that you believe constitutes judicial misconduct. To help us understand your concern, be specific and list all of the names, dates, times and places where the conduct occurred. Include only copies of original documents or court recordings that are relevant to your allegations. Print or type on one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your files.

On 7-25-2011 Judge DENIED BOND Reduction without AN explanation she never once considers the Evidence that Public Defender Kimberly J Alter presented to her. She basic went with the Prosecutor Daniel Strange who stated to her that Friday was his day off so he turned his blackberry phone off so that the witness James Soplin and Laquan Torrence couldn't contact him. The judge didn't even ask him any question about turning off his phone after she gave him additional time to get these interview done before he came to court on Monday 7-25-2011, 8:45am. This is the second time Judge has allowed Daniel Strange Continuance or more time get his case together and he still hasn't. The judge him to taunt and make face laughing sitting the table while the public defender was making her case for the bond reduction. Judge allowed him to argue and be disrespectful in the court room. Daniel Strange has been getting his way with Judge I feel that she is discriminating against the defendant is african american and so is the public defender. Judge didn't take in any consideration to the evidence submitted for a bond deduction and didn't give any explanation this is the second time she has showed favoritism to Daniel Strange the Prosecutor she denies everything the Black Public Defender ask for and GRANTS everything the white Prosecutor ask for she laughs and sokes with him like her and him has something going on.

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

Monday, July 25, 2011

July 25, 2011 at 8:45 a.m. in Commissioner [redacted] courtroom 513, I, Darlene Scott, attended a bond reduction hearing for my grandson, La'Ton Torrence. Prosecutor Daniel Strange was angry because Attorney Kimberly Salter had filed this motion. Attorney Salter presented evidence as to why La'Ton Torrence should get the reduction on the basis that two new defense witness could testify the alleged victim had a new story. Prosecutor Strange stated the reason he did not do the interviews was that his blackberry phone was off at the scheduled time, and he did not have the social to see if they were criminals. Attorney Salter stated that she did not have the social but she had provided the address and phone number of the two witness, James Joplin and La'Quan Torrence. Commissioner [redacted] denied the bond reduction with no explanation. Attorney Salter then advised Commissioner [redacted] that she filed a motion to suppress evidence on the basis of an illegal search. Prosecutor Strange stated he had not received the motion. Commissioner [redacted] questioned Attorney Salter on the method she used to notify the prosecution. When Attorney Salter stated her method Commissioner [redacted] stated that method was used to notify the courts of the motion. Attorney Salter offered to give Prosecutor Strange her hard copy of the motion. Prosecutor Strange wanted Commissioner [redacted] to hear the motion at that time, she refused. Prosecutor Strange was livid, he snatched the papers out of Attorney Salter's hand and stated to her "Why are you filing all these frivolous motions, he does not live there". Attorney Salter replied something about court, I could not hear her because spoke softly. My daughter, [redacted] left the courtroom, I, Darlene Scott, my other grandson, La'Quan Torrence waited inside the courtroom for Attorney Salter. As I was waiting Prosecutor Strange rushed past me following [redacted] As Attorney Salter, La'Quan Torrence and I, Darlene Scott exited the courtroom we saw Prosecutor Strange standing in a doorway to the east of the courtroom approximately a foot and a half from [redacted] engaged in a heated argument. I asked [redacted] what was going on, she stated "He chased me down to say to me, your son is going to get a lot of time". In the meantime Attorney Salter stepped between Prosecutor Strange and [redacted] she was urging Prosecutor to go to his office. Prosecutor Strange refused to leave his position in the open doorway unless Attorney Salter went with him. There was a gentleman sitting on a bench to the west of the courtroom. [redacted] was stating how he heard what was said, Prosecutor Strange stated "He doesn't care". [redacted] said "The judge needs to know about him, Prosecutor Strange. Prosecutor Strange said "She doesn't care". [redacted] asked Prosecutor Strange for his name and the name of his supervisor, his reply was "Call anyone you want, they don't care". Prosecutor Strange did not give [redacted] that information. I said to [redacted] "La'Ton is not going to prison". The man in the blue suit advised [redacted] to call the judge, Commissioner [redacted] never responded while I was there. [redacted] and La'Quan Torrence went back into the courtroom. Attorney Salter and I, Darlene Scott were waiting for the elevator, Prosecutor Strange still standing in the doorway yelling at Attorney Salter. Prosecutor Strange demanded that

Attorney Salter see him at that very moment. Attorney Salter said to him "I have to see my clients family first" and we left.

Yours truly,

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