

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 17-016

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

A superior court judge self-reported a delayed ruling.

The responsibility of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine if the judge engaged in conduct that violated the provisions of Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution or 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 review, the commission found no evidence of ethical misconduct and concluded that the judge did not violate the Code in this case. The commission approved sending the judge an advisory letter reminding him of his obligation under Rule 2.5(A) to rule on matters promptly. The commission's file in this matter is closed, pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Commission members Gus Aragon, Art Hinshaw, and George Foster did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: March 21, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez
Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez
Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on March 21, 2017.

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

Self-Report Ltr

2017-016

Commission on Judicial Conduct
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Re: Self-Reporting of Ruling Beyond 60-day Period

I write to report that I overlooked ruling on a pending Lower Court Appeal matter within the sixty-day period allowed for members of the bench to rule. The matter is [redacted] and a ruling should have been entered or a hearing set by no later than [redacted]. The matter was fully briefed by [redacted]

Unfortunately, [redacted] I overlooked ruling on this matter until it was brought to my attention by my judicial assistant. My staff and I immediately ruled on the matter on [redacted]

I will endeavor to manage these cases better through more active, personal involvement as we already have a calendaring procedure in place.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you be in need of ~~any~~ anything further or have any additional questions.