

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 17-067

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a justice of the peace was biased against him and failed to appropriately supervise his staff.

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. Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed in its entirety, pursuant to Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Dated: April 12, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on April 12, 2017.

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

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct
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2017-067

In re: . ()

VIA US CERTIFIED MAIL

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Please accept this letter as a complaint against of the
for the actions of him and his staff.

I wrote to you in about allowing a pleading to be
filed by the Defendant in that was wholly defective and you
have decided that he did nothing wrong. (attached as Exhibit A)

Today I tried to file the attached First Amended Complaint (Exhibit B).
A clerk named indicated that she will allow no more pleadings to be
filed by me unless I physically sign each with a pen. I signed the pleading
the same way this letter is signed, by inserting my scanned signature.
moistened her finger and tried to smudge the signature. When it wouldn't
smudge, she pronounced it a copy and said she would not allow any more
pleadings to be filed this way. She considered them copies, **not** originals. It
absolutely was an original.

As we both know, is responsible for the actions of his staff,
including She has decided to harass me and I don't deserve this.
There is nothing wrong with my signature or the way I apply it to paper.
Whether I apply it by hand or insert it electronically, it is equally valid and I
don't deserve to be subjected to scrutiny and harassment by court staff.
has refused to stamp filings for me and I have had to drive all the way
to to have the clerk stamp the documents for the
A trip of miles because sees it as her duty
to harass and thwart my every move in "her" court.

The ESIGN Act confirmed that electronic signatures have the same legal
standing as pen-and-paper signatures, and a pleading may not be denied

legal effect or ruled unenforceable simply because it is in electronic form. Eleven years have passed since the ESIGN Act was signed into law, and numerous court cases have fully supported the legal integrity of e-signatures.

I didn't even need to insert a scanned signature. It is common practice now for attorneys to simple use a conformed signature, such as "/S/ Name of Person".

and are clearly biased against me. This Judge has a duty to exercise his duties fairly and impartially. I expect and deserve a level playing field in front of . Why is this being denied me over and over and over?

Why is it that will allow Exhibit A to be filed, but not Exhibit B? There is no other explanation other than open and undisguised bias.