

State of Arizona  
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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Disposition of Complaint 17-133

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Judge:

Complainant:

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**ORDER**

The complainant alleged a municipal court judge fined him an improper amount for a civil traffic violation.

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.

The commission does not have jurisdiction to review the legal sufficiency of the judge's rulings. In addition, 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).

Commission member Peter J. Eckerstrom did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: July 17, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

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George A. Riemer

Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 17, 2017.

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

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2017-133

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.

ON \_\_\_\_\_ I APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE  
IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ COURT AT \_\_\_\_\_  
I PLEAD NOT  
RESPONSIBLE BECAUSE I HAD MY SEAT BELT ON BUT  
THE OFFICER SAID I DID NOT HAVE IT ADJUSTED  
PROPERLY, THE JUDGE FINED ME I SAID

I CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO  
THE STATUTE AND HE SAID

THAT HE WAS  
ACCUSING "ME" OF BREAKING, NOT VERY GOOD  
JUDICIAL CONDUCT, I HAVE CALLED MY STATE LEGISLATOR  
BUT HAVE NOT HEARD BACK  
FROM HIM. THE LAW SHOULD WORK BOTH WAYS OR  
BE FIXED SO THE JUDGE DOES NOT HAVE TO  
BREAK THE LAW TO ENFORCE IT.