

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 17-136

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The complainant alleged a superior court judge treated her unjustly, did not follow the law, and made improper rulings in a dissolution proceeding.

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 19, 2017

FOR THE COMMISSION

/s/ George A. Riemer

George A. Riemer
Executive Director

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on July 19, 2017.

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

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to make a complaint against Judge

My then filed for divorce After the divorce was finally
over after There were involved and

The way I was treated on the stand was unjust. Judge permitted
attorney to badger me on the stand for He asked me the same questions over and over
again. I do not do well with public speaking and it was worse knowing I was in court.

was on the stand half a day at best, with no badgering.

I work as a and my However worked for
for as It is HOT in during the summer.
Temperatures in can reach 128 degrees. worked
This does not sound like someone who is In addition, would not
have permitted him That would have been a great liability for the
county.

also was hired by in but after missed
The physical for the was extensive and included a nuclear stress test.

also had several :hat

When was granted did not have The
which did not exit, but were faked. In reality, was
and could not hold a job.

I worked our entire marriage approximatelv. to pay the bills and support our
family. I accumulated a couple small and a small I had to in our
divorce.

has a \$ I do not. Nor was I granted

I had \$ in my account that I used to while I lived in our house.
had \$ I had to Again did not.

I was court ordered to pay attorney's fees, which is over \$ My attorney withdrew from the case due to the fact

Judge did not follow Arizona Rule 97, that requires 2 years of income tax return and 6 months of all bank statements to be submitted. did not file adequate account information. did not submit income tax return. The bank statements did submitted was last year that showed money had been transferred from one account to another. Only one accounts was submitted. I was required to

Due to this, I care for is being I am I also care for I am on her bank accounts. made inferences that I was hiding money in account and Judge believed this with one proof. money should not be involved in my divorce. account information is not part of the divorce. I am the for my account as well. This does not mean I have access to money. I am

I take home \$ Pay check stubs were submitted to justify my income. I was ordered to pay \$ for alimony and paid \$ for his attorney's fees in One pay check I use to pay my rent and the other I use of my car payment and household bills, and food. Judge made reference that I was hiding money, without proof.

The ruling on this case is incomprehensible. I cannot afford to support while I am caring for my (whom does not help), and my Judge verdict is forcing me to quit my job and apply for

As a professional and I was insulted by Judge accusatory remarks. Judge had his mind mad up the moment I walked in the court room. As a professional, he should have withdrawn himself from the case. Over the course of our divorce trial, Judge never ruled in my favor once.

This is what happens to citizens that try to make an honest living. I felt I was on trial as perpetrator and that was seen as the victim. In realty, I was during my marriage. In fact, that is on record in

Thank you for your consideration and to read my concerns. Please contact me for any additional information needed. Please consider overturning or change the required as well as reassessing from my bank account balance I had at the beginning of divorce. Perhaps should pay me half of bank account balance.

Sincerely

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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.